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purchasing Aintree raccourse from the owner. Mr Bill Davies, is to be launched by the Jockey Club. An Aintree Trust, headed by Lord Derby, will handle the funds, which have to be raised by November 1 Page 21

#### Central America initiative awaited

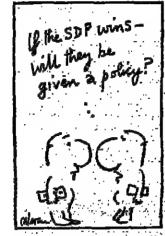
Washington is awaiting the results of Sunday's elections in El Salvador before pursuing efforts to find a negotiated strilement to the conflicts in Central America. Mexico is trying to arrange talks between the United States and Nicaragua. Eack page

#### Change of venue for Reagan

The Government has with-drawn the suggestion that President Reagan might ad-dress both Houses of Parliament in Westminster Hall during his visit in June. He will be invited instead to speak in the Royal Gallery, adjacent to the Lords.

#### Tory attack on GLC budget

The Conservative-controlled London Borough of Kensing-ton and Chelsea asked the Divisional Court to declare the Greater London Council's budger for 1982-83 illegal and tited the Law Lords' ruling on the GLC's cheep fares policy Back page



#### New candidates are confirmed

Labour's National Executive Committee has confirmed the choice of two prospective candidates to replace Mr Frederick Mulley, MP for Sheffield, Park, and former Secretary of State for Defence, and Mr Frank Hooley, MP for Sheffield, Heeley.

#### £2,600m gamble on racing

Part three of The Times series on the racing industry looks at the world of gambling; how Britons wager \$2,500m annually; and why, contrary to popular bessef, not all bookmakers thrive

### Banking rescue

The full extent of the opera-tion by the Bank of England and the clearing banks to rescue the so-called secondary banks in 1973-75 is only now being appreciated. Margaret Reid reveals that the Bank of England set aside about £100m in its accounts for the possible cost to itself of the crisis
Page 17

#### State pay row

Trouble is brewing over the wage increases for chiefs of nationalized industries after the publication of a White Paper which showed that pay for state chairmen was falling further behind the private sector Page 15

#### 'The Times'

In earlier editions yesterday advertisements appeared on two pages designated for overseas news and sport. This was due to production difficul-ties for which we apologize.

Leader page, 13 Letters: On Arab unrest, from Sir Anthony Nurting, and the Istaeli Charge d'Affaires; calle television, from Mr D. Widdicombe, QC, and Mr R. J. D. Johnston; Falklands, from Air Committee of the Istaelian Committee from Air Commodore B. G.

Leading articles: China and Russia; MPs' pay Features, page 12 .

Julian Amery recalls Britain's lost chances in Europe; Ronald Butt says the SDP are missing their prime target; the mis-leading crime statistics Obituary, page 14 Sir Keith Showering, Herr Konrad Wolf

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# £7m appeal Begin may call early election after failure in Knesset

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem, March 24

outside the coalition, have usually given it their support

in vital votes.

Meanwhile tension in the

West Bank and the Gaza Strip

continued to grow more dan-

gerous today, with riots spreading and three more Arab youths shot dead by

Some political observers said tonight that one purpose behind Mr Begin's remarks

might be to try and scare those minority parties such as

Telem, who voted against the Government last night but would be likely to suffer badly at any early poll.

Mr Shimon Peres, the Labour leader has appounced that he

leader, has announced that he

intends to pursue every effort

intends to pursue every effort to try and overthrow the Government. However political observers think it is unlikely that Labour could form a viable alternative coalition with the present Knesset membership.

London: To the great intitation of the Israeli Government, a group of ten Briesh Members of Parliament are travelling to the Middle East at the invitation of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) (David Cross writes).

The fact-finding mission will enable the MPs to meet Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, as well as Arab mayors and intellectuals in Israeli-occupied territory.

pied territory. Mr Nabil Ramlawi, the PLO

representative in London, who was at Heatherow airport to see

the MPs off yesterday, said he had heard that the Israeli Ambassador to Britain had

tried to put pressure on the party not to go to the West Bank, But an Israeli Embessy

spokesman here denied that any representations had been

☐ New York: The United Nations Security Council was meeting tonight to cry to find

a way to stem the wave of

Israeli Prime Minister, said to-day that there was now no al-ternative but to bring forward the next general election, not due to be held until 1985. Although he gave no specific date, the Prime Minister speculated that a new poll would be held within a year.

Mr Begin was speaking in-formally to a small group of reporters in the Israeli Parlia-ment. He admitted frankly that he did not think his Government could survive indefinitely ment could survive indefinitely with the present voting balance of 60 to 60 in the 120-seat Knesset, especially as a number of key issues were soon coming up. Mr Begin emphasized his belief that a new election would strengthen the position of his right-wing Likud group over the opposition Labour Party. Recent opinion polls have shown the Government faring strongly against Labour.

A senior government official

A senior government official said later that among matters which had still to be decided which had still to be decided was whether a new election would be forced by a resignation; or by introducing a formal motion to dissolve the Knesset intense political discussions on the subject are expected over the next few weeks. However, no action is likely until the final Israeli withdrawal from Sinal due on April 26—providing the Government can survive its present precarious position in

sent precarious position in Parhament. Parliament.

The new atmosphere of political uncertainty was caused by last night's vote of no confidence in the Government's handling of events in the occupied West Bank which was tied 58-58. Mr Begin explained today that although he had wanted to resign last night, he had been overruled by his Cabinet colleagues.

An analysis of the voting shows that it was not left-wing opposition. Which upset the Begin Government but the rightwingers who, although

Final polls favour Jenkins today

From Anthony Bevins, Glasgow head, will today go to the polls secure in the knowledge that

secure in the knowledge that they have confused the newspaper and party-political polisters.

Two further polls being published this morning by the Daily Mail and The Sun, showing a significant lead for Mr Roy Jenkins of the Social Democrats-Liberal Alliance just 24 hours after The Daily Telegraph Gallup had suggested a 6.5 per cent Labour lead for Mr David Wiseman.

The Sun poll, conducted by Audience and Selections by relephone on Tuesday, gave the Alliance 35 per cent, Conservatives 29 per cent, Labour 25 per cent and SNP 11 per cent, suggesting a majority of about 1,800.

On past by-election form,

1,800.
On past by-election form, such front-page polling day prediction may well help the Alliance by promoting a further swing as tactical voters muster behind an expected winner.

Mr Michael Foot, the Labour leader, had been unable to conceal his delight when

The voters of Glasgow, Hill- news of Gallup had been delivered to him in the constitu-ency last night. But then, Labour has not gained a by-election sear from the Conservarives since it won Bromsgrove in May, 1971.

Mr Geraid Malone, the Conservative candidate, yesterday warned the voters of the threat posed by the Gallup figures. "The greatest danger for Hilhead is that, unintensionally, this moderate constituency might find itself represented in Parliament on Friday by a Remite socialist just hecause Bennite socialist just because the vote was split , he said. The Social Democrats suggested that a vote for them-selves would serve the same purpose, in keeping out Labour, and Mr Jenkins said that he was quietly confident. The SDP canvass returns the only returns revealed, gave Mr Jenkins 26 per cent. Conservatives 72 per cent Labour 17 22 per cent, Labour 17 per cent, SNP 9 per cent, unde-cided 20 per cent and nonvoters 6 per cent.

Battle of issues, page 2 Ronald Butt, page 12

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# Tebbit predicts a more stable economic future

attitudes as the nation "kicks

Speaking to employers two years after Sir John Methven, then CBI director-general, gave a warning that the country was "drinking in the Last Chance Saloon," the minister argued: Being as realistic as I can, there are many pointers to a clearer, more secure and more stable economic future than at any time in the last decade."

The facts and figures tell the story of change, he said. Inflation was then 17 per cent and rising; it is now 11 per cent and falling; menufacturing productivity was down 7 per cent it is now

strike losses are one seventh of

Mr Tebitt continued: "Of

serving drinks in the Last Chance Saloon, we brought the shutters down bard on the fingers of those who were still drinking. We had to stop the binge, as Sir John Methven recognised, before we were all swept away in a torrent of

that the change of attitude we have seen in the last couple of

# **Brezhnev** appeal to China for peace

From Michael Binyon Moscow, March 24 President Brezhnev today made a strong appeal to China to end two decades of hostility and sit down at the negotiating table to discuss a return to normal relations.

Clearly attempting to exploit Chearly attempting to exploit China's present tensions with the United States over Taiwan, the Soviet leader declared that his country was ready for closer political and economic relations with China and would take whatever positive steps

were needed,
"We remember well the time when the Soviet Union and People's China were united by bands of friendship united by bonds of friendship and comradely cooperation. We have never considered the state of hostility and estrangement between our countries normal. We are prepared to come to terms, without any preliminary conditions. come to terms, without any preliminary conditions, on measures acceptable to both sides to improve relations on the basis of mutual respect for

cach other's interests, non-interference in each other's affairs and mutual benefit." Speaking in Tashkent, the capital of Uzbekistan, which is not far from the Chinese border, Mr Brezhney said the border, Mr Brezhnev said the Russians had no territorial claims on China. They were ready to resume the border talks, broken off by Peking in 1980 after the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, and look for ways to strengthen trust along the Chinese-Soviet frontier.

Drawing a pointed contrast with the United States, he re-minded China that the Soviet Union had never supported a "two Chinas" policy, and had aiways recognized Peking's sovereignty over Taiwan. He insisted that whatever disagreements the Russians had

with China over foreign policy, they did not deny that China was indeed a communist country, and they had never tried to interfere in its internal

Mr Brezhnev was in Tashkent Mr Brezhnev was in Tashkent to award the Order of Lenia to Uzbekistan for the republic's recent agricultural successes. He took advantage of his first visit to central Asia for some time to review Soviet relations with other important Asian neighbours, in particular Japan and India. and India.

He had barsh words for the

Japanese. In spile of beneficial economic relations, he said. extensive as it could be. For this he blamed "external forces"-clearly implying the



United States-for putting obstacles in the way of the normalization of relations. But he also accused Japan of sup-porting the "hackneyed myth" of the Soviet threat, and allow-ing itself to be drawn into a

called on Tokyo to look He called on Tokyo to look again at Soviet proposals, made last year, for new confidence-building measures in the Far East, and added: "Frankly, it is hard to understand what moral right some figures in Tokyo have to tell their people and the world about "apprehensions" allegedly aroused in them by some or other actions. them by some or other actions of the USSR if they do not even wish to hear about our proposals."

He contrasted all this with the "friendly co-operation" his country had enjoyed with India for the past 25 years. He said Continued on back page, col 1

#### Troops patrol Dacca after bloodless coup By Leslie Plommer

Troops are patrolling parts of today after the military coup which Bangladesh had been expecting came early yesterday. General Mohammad Hossain Ershad, aged 52, the Army Chief of Staff, is expected to

address the nation soon, after declaring himself martial law administrator in a 35-minute speech on Dacca radio. He cited corruption and infighting in the ruling Bangladesh National Party as reasons for the Army's move. There has been no official

word of the aging President Abdus Sattar, who has been dis-missed with his ministers and Cabinet, since he made a short and emotional radio statement before General Ershad spoke. There are no reports of fighting or bloodshed and the country now is waiting for General Ershad to select his promised civilian President and

Shams-ud Doba, Bangladesh High Commissioner, who said he "sounded tired". New leader, page 6

The Queen, talking to nursing staff when she opened the Alexandra wing of London Hospital, Whitechapel, yesterday (Report, Page 5).

Informers crippling

men who escaped from Crum-lin Road jail in Beliast have

These successes are reflected in an editorial in Police Beat,

the official magazine of the Police Federation in Northern Ireland. It congretulates the

Garda saying that February was a milestone on the road to the elmination of terrorism

and that milestone bad been reached as a result of work by the republic's police rather

than the RUC.
In Ulster the police say that

even before the arrest of the alleged "supergrass" Mr

Christopher Black at the end

of November they had made a significant breakthrough. Two month; after his arrest, the

Provisional IRA offered a two

"touts" within the organiza-

tion.
It was an admission that

informers were seriously damaging their operations. The

usual penalty for informing is death, and during the past 16

co-called

week amnesty

IRA, says RUC chief From Richard Ford, Belfast The Chief Constable of the escaped from Brixton prison. of causing explosions in Eng-land under an Act which

RUC declared yesterday that terrorists in the province were reeling from the blows in-flicted upon them by informers whose evidence had led to the allows suspects to be tried in the republic for acts allegedly charging of almost 200 ter-torists who were mainly mem-bers of the IRA and Irish National Liberation Army. committed in England. also been arrested, and some jailed, in the republic.

Sir John Hermon, although denying that the police offered sums of £50,000 or more for their information did not take the opportunity to deny that some payments are being made. In a rare interview he said:
"We have been in the business of combating terrorism for many years and of course we deal in information."

The Chief Constable added that people giving evidence on which convictions could be made were offered a safe heven from Provisional IRA Fillers. St. John refused to save killers. Six John refused to say that the battle against terror-ism in Ulster was being won but he added: "The terrorists are becoming desperate. What will win this will be the responsibility and support of the total community north and south of the border".

Since last autumn the security forces in the north and south have had increasing success with defectors in the north, now believed to number 15, giving information that has led to the arrest of hundreds of terrorists causing serious problems within their organiza-

Much of this information has led to arms and ammunition finds in border areas. Within the next two days at least 12 men are to appear in courts on charges ranging from membership of the INLA to possession of explosives and

Apart from the information being given by informers, the Garda in the republic have also had a series of successes in the past eight weeks, among them the discovery of arms and ammunition on six successive days in border areas. They have also arrested and

months seven men have been murdered on suspicion of informing. However, until this week the police have refused to comment publicly on their use of informers and Sir John's remarks must bring fears that

the IRA will be provoked into some spectacular demonstra-One theory is that they were forced to respond late on Tues-day night after statements from men released after police withdrew charges including attempted murder. Mr Sean O'Hara, brother of the dead hunger striker Mr Parsy

O'Hara, said the police were offering up to £80,000 and free and safe passage out of Ulster, for information leading to concharged Gerard Tuite, who

Arms finds, page 2

# Scarman, Lane criticize ethnic crime figures

By Hugh Noyes, Parliamentary Correspondent

Lord Lane, the Lord Chief imperative for the public to Justice, and Lord Scarman, support the police, he told author of the report on the House how, at the outbriston riots, yesterday joined break of the Brixton riots, a forces in the Lords to speak of few unreinforced policemen. the dangers threatening society free dangers threateding society from the rising crime rate. During a debate on law and order, the two judges, among the most senior in Britain, criticized the Metropolitan Police's decision to publish statistics giving the ethnic origins of certain categories of criminal.

Without directly mentioning those figures Lord Lane said that statistics were mostly misleading and largely unintelligible. Lord Scarman said he agreed wholly with Lord Lane. Criminal statistics were more unreliable than most, he said. In what looked like a reference to the explanation from the Government that the statis-

tics were issued in the interests

Justice appealed for the sup-port of the law abiding citizen, pointing out that nothing could do more to destory the efficacy of the police than the undermining of their authority by people who ought to know better.

heard and experienced norhing since his report to indicate to him that any of his recommendations were wrong or that his analysis was faulty.

Howe on inflation By David Blake Economics Editor A warning that living stan-

Warning by

dards will have to fall further if inflation is to be brought down and profits restored came last night from Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Chancellor of the Exchequer. But he told a Commons Treasury Committee that the process could be made easier if pay settlements stay

"The better we do on pay the better the prospects for real living standards, jobs and inflation," he said.

The Chancellor coupled his warning with an optimistic for bringing inflation down. He said that the latest retail price figures strengthened his confidence in the Budget fore-cast that inflation will be down to 9 per cent by the end of this year and to 7.5 per cent by the second quarter of

Sir Geoffrey was being questioned by the Committee on the budget and economic prospects. In the course of an easy ride, he took the opportunity to express British concern over United States economic policy and to bint the omic policy and to hint that behind-the-scenes efforts are being made to shift the American authorities.

He denied suggestions that Britain is committed to raising its interest rates if United he drew attention to worries about the rising Budger deficit the Americans are expecting to run in the future.

The problems caused by American interest rates affected the whole world, the Chancel-lor continued, and would be discussed in various forums over the coming months.

# Papal visit 'backed by half the country'

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By Nicholas Timmins One in eight people disapprove of the Pope's visit to Britain, a Gallup Poll survey conducted for the Roman Catholic newspaper The Universe showed yesterday. While the views of those claiming allegiance to the Anglican churches — the

Anglican churches—the Church of England, the Church of Scotland and the Church in Wales—broadly reflect the national opinion, attitudes in the free churches are more sharply divided. Fifty-three per cent of those describing them-selves as Free Church approve of the visit but 19 per cent dis-In the Anglican churches 1-

per cent disaparove, while 43 per cent support the visit. Nationally, 50 per cent support Among those describing

themselves as Roman Catho-lics, opinion, not surprisingly, is overwhelmingly in favour, 85 per cont approving the visit and 2 per cent disapproving. Only 11 per cent of Roman Campolics held neither opinion, against a third in the national

The survey, of 1,032 people, was held over the days immediately after the Archbising of Canterbury was shouted down in Liverpool on Mercu an event that might have teightened fears over the wildom of the visit. The prospect of the vist

causing trouble, or aggrande-ing the Irish problem was by far the most common reason given for opposing it, and featured in 27, of the reasons given for disapproval. The next most common reason—20 was that it was a waste of

Disapproval of the visit be-cause Britain was a Protestant country, or because the re-spondents did not like the homen Catholic Church, icc. ing it to be too powerful, made up only is a and 3 of the reasons given for districted the visit. Ago, see and class had little bearing, on reaction .... the visit, but there were not-

able regional differences. The polf implies that enthusiasm for it is warment in the North-west, where he visit Liverpool, with it: Raman Catholic population, and Manchester, In that region 64 s approved of the visit and only 5", disapproved, against

12 nationally. Approval was lowest in North east at 40 , but disapproval was highest in London (1911) and Wales approval (18 %). Scotlard, despite its strong Presbyterian tradition, matched almost exactly the national figures, with 79 approving the visit and 13

disapproving.
Of the 13 per cent who said they attended church once a week or more often, 75 per cent supported the visit. Even among that group, however, 14 per cent — marginally more than the national figure — disapproved, suggesting Gallup said, that the group feel very strengly about the visit. Among those who said they never went to church, 42 per cent of the sample, 37 per cent approved of the visit and

13 per cent disapproved.

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# By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor Evidence is mounting of a then £3,500m in deficit; it is lasting change in industrial now £8,000m in surplus.

arrunces as the nation "kicks" Mr Tebitt continued: "Of its bad habits," and the main course, we are being accused economic indices show that Britain has come through the worst of the recession, Mr give the saloon bar drunk Norman Tebbit, Secretary of another drink—it keeps him opinion of the moment of the mo

down 7 per cent; it is now Government, we had to call in rising by 10 per cent; the IMF to bail us out. Now

the 1979 figue; we watch as other countries with socialist programmes see interest rates were then 17 per their currencies slide, their cent; base rate is 13.5 per cent and falling; ambitious spnding plans curand falling; ambitious spnding plans curble balance of payments was tailed," he added.

say 'no'. Not only did we stop

"The evidence is mounting

years can be a lasting change provided we do not weaken our resolve," the minister said.

"Five years ago, three years into the life of the Labour we watch as other countries

advisory council The general opened one tele-phone line to London yesterday to speak to his close friend Mr

of getting at the truth, Lord Scarman pointed out that statistics were a morass and that there were other paths to safety than the statistical path. Both also spoke powerfully in support of the police and of the need for public support for the police. The Lord Chief

Lord Scarman said he hed

Emphasizing that it was

many of them young, stood between us, the inner city of London and the total collapse of law and order. That was an indication of the need for a strong and well supported police force. If that thin blue kine, Lord Scarman said, had been over-

whelmed, and it nearly was, whelmed, and it nearly was, there would have been no way of handling the situation except by the awful ufamate requirement of calling in the Army. To have had to turn the military inwards on British people was not something that could possibly be thing that could possibly be accepted in a tolerant and free society. Lord Scarman went on to

urge the House to forget the trendy language of "com-munity policing". What he was talking about in his report was what the police had been doing ever since Robert Peel. He had. no doubt that the police were well aware of the need to cultivate the consent of the community. The difficulty was how to cultivate that consent in an area where there was ethnic diversity. In areas such as Brixton, there was an ethnic gap be-

tween the white establishment, represented by the police, and the youngsters of whatever group. There was also a generation gap. It was no use thinking you could get across to Brixton teenagers by merely charring up middleaged men and women who run

# 17 arrested in drug squad raids

Seventeen people were last night being questioned by detectives investigating drug smuggling after police and Customs and Excise officers, some of the armed, staged a series of coordinated swoops on Heathrow airport and houses throughout the country.

Cannabis and cocaine believed to be worth at least £30,000 was seized after a plane from Johannesburg plane from Johannesburg landed at Heathrow. Meanwhile other officers

from various regional crime squads raided houses in co Durham, Kent, London and Lancashire. Nine women and

Lancashire. Nine women and eight men were arrested.

A spokesman for the Number Five Regional Crime. Squad, based at Hatfield, Hertfordshire, said they were investigating an international drug-smuggling ring centred in Lancashire and involving in Lancashire and involving armed robberies carried out to finance the drug ring.

#### **Turkey workers** reject pay offer

Striking workers at Bernard Matthews turkey plants in East Anglia yesterday rejected in a secret ballot the company's latest pay offer, which would have added £7 to the basic wage of £67.71p. Mr Jack Boddy, general sec-retary of the National Union of Agricultural and Allied Workers, immediately asked Mr Matthews for fresh talks.

The union is seeking a 15.5 per cent increase in the basic wage, a reduction in the working week from 40 to 38 hours, and an extra week's holiday.

#### Fowler to join in nurses' pay talks

Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary of State for Social Services, will meet nurses' leaders for pay talks in London on Monday. He agreed to the talks after receiving an urgent request from the nurses' staff side. Union Leaders have said there is a distinct possibility of industrial action if a 6.45

per cent pay offer is not increased. The Confederation of Health Service Employees welcomed the minister's de-cision and said that they were still determined on a 12 per cent rise.

# Loaders strike

many flights were delayed or cancelled. British Caledonian said efforts were being made

Girl improves

Sandra Radley, aged 17, the Scunthorpe girl who had a leg sewn back on by surgeons on Monday, continued to make satisfactory progress at Withington Hospital, Manchester, yesterday.

# 'Bell tolls for thee' TUC warns firms

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

day demanded that employers cative legislation. The Bill should "stand up and be should be scrapped before it counted" on the Govern-poisons our industrial rement's Employment Bill lations like its 1971 predegoing through parliament, cessor did."

and Mr Len Murray, the TUC union leaders are resigned to the reality of the measures companies: "ask not for of Mr Norman Tebbit, Section whom the bell tolls, it tolls retary of State for Employment and the second of Mr Norman Tebbit, Section of Mr Norman Tebbit, Mr Norman Tebbi

were "attacked through the lagislation once in the courts while pursuing justified objectives" would have the backing of other affiliated unions, and employers must face the risk that industrial relations would be eight-point programme of

must face the risk that industrial relations would be gravely threatened.

A novel aspect of the unions' battle against the labour law reform is an assault on public opinion. One day in May union members will distribute several million copies of a leaflet explaining the dangers of the cabinet, the TUC council argued that the drop new legislation to the general public at focal points such as real million mark.

Mr Murray said yesterday: ment is offering to them.

"Employers can do themfavour by telling the Government that they don't need or want this disruptive lagislation before it is too late.

The TUC is also to examine the case for government subsidies to encourage the introduction of shorter work-

on defore it is too late.

"No sensible employer ing time in a way that saves looking after his own interests can relish another brusing and damaging period of industrial conflict resulting some success.

Trade union leaders yester- from ill conceived and prova-

for thee".

Giving the go-ahead for the funds to civil actions for labour movement's biggest campaign for more than a decade, the TUC General Council said that unions that were "attacked through the courts while pursuing its reached the status hou!"

One day in May union members will distribute several million copies of a leaflet explaining the dangers of the new legislation to the general public at focal points such as railway stations, shopping precincts and factory gates.

Mr Murray said vesterday

Mr Murray said vesterday

"will fool no one."

Thousands of extra adults The trade union movement had become unemployed is now gearing itself up for since February, hundreds of the most intensive period of thousands of school-leavers campaigning for over ten years. In particular, unions are warning employers with whom they deal of the folly of seeking to use the antiof seeking to use the anti-union weapons the Govern-expectation of 300,000 more adult workless this year. "No one can take any satisfaction

### Gormley says time will moderate Scargill

In an interview with the Press Association Mr Gormley kept up his campaign against the left, saying: "If they want to get their socialist policies accepted they will have to give over frightening people to death."

The retiring NUM president replying to recent

of the biggest bugbears to our members are at stake."
them for so many yars — It will be some time before

working class, and all that July to decide what sort of tripe. But they cannot be the pay claim to submit next protectors of the working winter, there are a number of class when all they know is militant pay demands ranging industrial action. You should an area of the pay the sound of the state of the s industrial action. You should up nto a £120 a week not walk about with a chip on minimum for the industry, your shoulder all the time."

Time will moderate Mr
Arthur Scargill, the militant is a young fellow. He will, I left-wing president of the National Union of Mineworkers, and make him more susceptible to compromise, Mr Joseph Gormley, the outgoing pitman's leader, predicts yesterday.

Of Mr Scargill he said: "He is a young fellow. He will, I hope, grow into the job. But he will not do so by shouting about the possibility of susceptible to compromise, getting the lads out on to the streets at the slightest pretact. You have got to learn that is not the way of listen to you all lads want ot listen to you all the time. I think time will moderate Arthur. You get a whole spirit of progress is compromise."

Volunteers helped to unload British Caledonian aircraft at Gatwick yesterday when loaders and tug drivers went on strike over the disciplining of a worker for alleged pilfering. Substitute drivers were called in, but many flights were delayed or

them for so many yars — It will be some time october on the scene — before right. On the preliminary agenda, published yesterday, for the union's policy-making he was bloody dreamt of.

"They try to presume that for the union's policy-making they are the protectors of the conference in Inverness in



Hillhead by-election

# Battle of issues, not personalities

Glasgow looked a dismal thought to possess a rhicity in the bitter days of noceros hide carpet bag. January when Mr Roy Jen-When he first flew in on the kins arrived to seek the London shuttle it seemen a Social Democratic Arty nomiforegone conclusion that he nation and persuade the would soon be in orbit on the nation and persuade the would soon be in orbit on the Liberal not to stand in the strength of his personality, by-election. In the sunny which epitomizes the moder-spring weather of the last are centre of British politics. week of the campaign Glas-gow has looked beautiful, in parts, despite the ravages of time, grime and some of the most hideous modern archi-

tecture in Europe.

The devastated townscape in parts of Glasgow is the responsibility of generations of Labour cuncillors. The resentment over sites left as gaps and over tower blocks does not help Mr David Wiseman, of the Labour Party, the candidate who has ution, mostly in that order.

That is ground of the establishment parties' choosing. If the voters believe that government economic policies will eventually work, if campaigned hardest on the local issues of housing, planning and public ameni-ties. In the city there is,

planning and public amenities. In the city there is, bitterness about what has been done to Galsgow, the "dear green place".

In the campaign there has also been bitterness, but according to Mr Bruce Millan, who has served half a life sentence as a Glasgow Labour MP, the exchange of ritual insults has been remarkably restrained by Glaswegian standards.

Mr Millan points to the positive things that Labour has dome for a city where only one seat, Hillhead, was held by a Conservative. He cites the work of the Scottish of the county of the county and condition of the county of the county

cites the work of the Scottish Development Agency and the encouragement given to housing associations and voluntary groups, with whom Mr Wiseman has been so closely involved in his procommunity

The relative absence of equivocation that is very personal abuse must also have surprised Mr Jenkins, who was a surprised to the surprised Mr Jenkins, who was a surprised to the surprised Mr Jenkins, who was a surprised to the surprised Mr Jenkins, who was a surprised to the surprised Mr Jenkins, who was a surprised to the surprised Mr Jenkins, who was a surprised to the surprise of the surprised to the surprise of the surprised Mr Jenkins, who was a surprised to the surprised Mr Jenkins, who was a surprised to the surprised Mr Jenkins, who was a surprised to the surprised Mr Jenkins, who was a surprised to the surprised Mr Jenkins, who was a surprised Mr Jenkins to the surprised Mr Jenkins to

To a remarkable degree

To a remarkable degree this by-election has been about issues, not about personalities. Week by week the SDP—Liberal Alliance has been nudged back to the old issues that divide Hilihead unemployment, nuclear weapons, the EEC, bad housing, law and order, education cuts and develution mostly in that order.

vote. Mr Calderwood will be guided tonight by the rules for the conduct of parliamen-tary elections laid down in the second schedule to the Representation of the People

Act, 1949.

Rule 47 stipulates that a candidate or his election agent may, if present when the counting or recounting of votes is completed, require the returning officer to have the votes recounted or again. officer may refuse to do so if

It adds that "no step shall be taken on the completion of the counting or any recount of votes until the candidates and election agent present at the completion thereof have been given a reasonable opportunity to exercise the right conferred by this rule". Mr George Leslie, who has fought a brilliant and deter-mined campaign to rescue a

once endangered species, the Scottish National Party.
Then there is Mr Jenkins, the breaker of moulds, Mr Jenkins has "weight" but detailed questioning has resoluted a distributed and the state of the

# Man in the centre if votes are tied

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

by-election at Glasgow, Hil-lhead, faces an unenviable task if the result turns out to be as close as the polls are predicting. If a recount, or a succession of them, are necessary Mr Calderwood is the man responsible in law for deciding when the counting has to stop and a result declared. Ultimately he could order the candidates to draw lots in the event of a tied

the votes recounted or again recounted "but the returning in his opinion the request is

of a vote would entitle any of those candidates to be de-

Mr Robert Calderwood, the clared elected, the returning returning officer for today's officer shall decide forthwith between those candidates by lot, and proceed as if the candidate on whom the lot falls had received an add-itional vote".

Yesterday his office in Glasgow was sanguine about such a prospect, saying that he would face it if arose and that the method of choosing by lot had not been decided. by lot had not been decided.

Mr Calderwood can take
comfort from the fact that
such a situation has not
arisen this century. It is
recorded, however, that in
1886, after both the Conservative and Liberal candidates received 3,049 votes in
Astronounder Lyne the re-Ashton-under-Lyne the re-turning officer, Mr James Walker, gave a casting vote for Mr John Addison, the Conservative, who was duly returned.

Recounts have been com

paratively rare in recent bylections. The record number at general elections is seven the first in October, 1964, when Mr Dennis Hobden (Labour) eventually won at Brighton, Kempton, by seven

The second was perhaps the most spectacular, when Sir Harmar Nicholls was elected MP for Peterborough by three votes in April, 1966 At Ilkeston, Derbyshire, in

But it is rule 50, entitled immediately after the close Equality of Votes to which of polling and went on to folling and went of the foll recourse.

It states: "Where, after the counting of the votes (including any recount) is completed, an equality of votes is found to exist between any candidates and the addition tion of universal suffrage in 1918.

Haughey

on EEC job

From Our Correspondent Dublin Plans by M Charles Haug-

hey, the new Irish Prime Minister, to reduce the opposition vite in the finely

balanced Dail by appointing a member of Fine Gael as Ireland's EEC commissioner

were foiled yesterday when Mr Richard Burke, a former

commissioner, changed his mind about accepting the

Mr Burke who at first accepted the £60,000-a-year job, announced his decision to reject the offer after a

Mr Haughey's nomination

on his eagerness to reduce the opposition

and Dr Luminet predicts another possible fate: They have examined the fates of they enter the "Roche radius" of the black hole, the point at which tidal forces become large enough possibly to break Dail blow to them apart. "compressible"

> Whether such phenomena can be detected remains to be seen. Only certain types of stars moving in certain orbits will experience such cata-strophic fates. Nobody knows in detail

> what stars or other forms of matter make up these distant objects or how they behave. However, ground-based telescopes are now approaching the point where the structure of galactic nuclei and quasars can be resolved.

#### Nobody wants 170 reprieved dogs Manila. - Police rescued

zGerald, the Fine Gael leader

was confirmed in his position

at a meeting of TSs and senators yesterday by 62 votes to five.

170 dogs from the Philippines biggest supplier of dog meat only to face the embarrassment of having to return them temporarily for safekeeping because nobody could house and feed them.

#### Children have typhoid A woman and 12 children

were in hospital in Southampton yesterday after tests confirmed that two of the children have typhoid.

# That implies that an amount of radiation equivalent to that emitted by a billion of our suns is coming from a volume of space not much larger than that enclosing our solar system. Closer to us certain "active" galaxies also appear to have small nuclei radiating great amounts of energy. The explanation for those phenomena favoured at present is that a large

amount of matter, much of it in the form of stars, is falling into a massive central black hole. Black holes are thought to represent the evolutionary fate of some stars. After such stars have stopped producing energy by nuclear fusion they collapse, and as not even the strength of the matter of which they consist is sufficient to resist this gravitational contraction, they go on collapsing beyond the point where the "escape velocity" exceeds that of

Science report

Energy of

the

pancake

stars

By the Staff of "Nature" A spectacular new addition has just been made to the extraordinary events

that theoretical physicists

believe take place when stars fall into the massive

black holes at the centre of

distant galaxies and qua-

Sars.
According to Dr B.
Carter and Dr J. Luminet,
of the Paris Observatory,
some of those stars become

flattened into a pancake shape by tidal forces and explode. In those circum-

stances the energy released

may be even more than has been believed hitherto.

Quasars are the most

energetic extragalactic objects known. Most astronomers now believe that they are extremely distant objects emitting vast quantities.

tities of energy. The light from quasars has been seen to vary over periods of a day or less, leading theor-ists to deduce that the

power source must be as small as the distance that light can travel in that

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light.
In the cases of quasars and Seyfert galaxies the masses of the central black. holes are thought to correspond to many millions (even billions) of suns. At the centres of galaxies stars are far more densely distributed than in our own neighbourhood. In the presence of a massive but compact black hole, the stars will experience experience experience experience experience. treme gravitational phenomena. In some cases stars will be torn apart by tidal forces caused by the changes in the pull of-gravity across their diam-

In other cases stars orbiting at high velocities about the black hole will collide and be destroyed. In both instances the gaseous debris will fall into the star, becoming tremen-dously heated in the process and giving off the energy we observe.

The theory of Dr Carter

stars, they believe, will respond to tidal and other forces by changing shape to that of a pancake. although that shape lasts only for a short time, the internal temperature of the detonation results.

in the process a large amount of radiation will be emitted and the gaseous debris will be ejected at high velocity, some into altogether. The authors speculate that the resulting gas clouds may even under subsequent nuclear

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#### CORRECTION

The campaign against rape in marriage, reported on March 16, was organized by the Women's Aid Federation, Women against Violence against Women, and Rights of Women.

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The Royal National Institute for the Deaf.

#### **Objection** to jobs code for blacks By Lucy Hodges

More opposition to the draft code of practice on the employment of blacks came last night from MPs, who indicated that they would suggest to the Minister that it Much of the objection to the code, which was drawn up by the Commission for Racial Equality, centres on the proposal that firms should appoint a number of

black people in their wor-kforce. But Mr Jonathan Aitken, Conservative MP for Thanet, said at a hearing of the select committee on employment yesterday that he did not like the recommendation for firms to give extended leave to staff wanting to visit their countries of origin, and to provide English language training for blacks.

He thought they should not be included in a code of practice to be laid before Parliament and used as a benchmark by industrial tri-bunals. The bulk of the code centres on recommendations centres on recommendations that firms should adopt equal opportunity policies and take steps to monitor the results.

Mr David Lane, outgoing chairman of the commission, said the code had been prepared after wide consul-tation with unitons, employers and officials, and MPs should give equal weight to the injustice black people face in employment. The code would help to put that

The code, which the commission has the power to draw up under the Race Relations Act, 1976, is awaiting the approval of Mr Norman Tebbit, the Secretary of State for Employment. He must either approve it or reject it, and publish reasons for doing so.



This ship not only floats on throughout the world. water but burns it in the engine, thus saving its owner a tidy sum. (Michael Baily writes). Using a patent emulsifier developed at Newcastle University, it has achieved up to 5 per cent saving oil fuel while

The Garda's arms finds

don, Cork: 500 rounds ammu-nition, two detonators. Dun-dalk, Louth: eight homemade mortar bombs, Emyvale, Monaghan: Blast bombs, detonetors, gelignite ad bomb components, five high-powered rifles, includ-ing a Lee-Enfield and Arma-

#### water are surrounded by a film of oil before being fed into the engine. Adding water to the combustion process cuts fuel consumpthe opposition voting strength and have a loyal Fianna Fail politician returned in the ensuing by-election. He is now expected operationing between Britain and the Continent tion, reduces the amount of during the past year. Costing from £8,000 to fit, the exhaust gas components, to seek a commissioner from within Fianna Fail but poss-ibly outside the Dail, where he connot afford to lose even system is now on sale and reduces engine fouling. one vote. Meanwhile Dr Garret Fit.

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From Richard Ford Belfast . booby-trapped bomb. February, 1982: Emyvale: two hand guns, 200 ft of cortex.
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explosive and 200 ft of
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March, 1982: Ballyglass, co Mayo: 11 rifles, 1,300 rounds of ammunition. Ashborne: co Meath: one pistol, one revolver, 8,000 rounds of ammunition. Galway, co Galway: 50 cassette-style incendiary devices, with remote control devices oper-ating on ultra-high fre-

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A Col spokesman said: "It is a ministerial decision, all

# Study shows that mugging is extremely rare

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Overall the assailants were black in fewer than half the attack. But it would be a mistake to see mugging as necessarily being a type of crime committed by blacks, Mr Ramsey says.

"In several of the disadvantaged areas where the attacks took place, blacks came close to representing a majority among the younger people in the local population; and it is younger people who are most prone to commit this type of crime." The article expresses surprise that only one in ten victims was unsure of the attacker's ethnic identity. In many cases judgments were based on a quick glimpse in the centre of Southamp.

Though mugging is greatly feared, it is extremely rare and few victims are seriously injured, a report in this week's New Society of an official Home Office study says.

The Home Office team looked at areas where mugging was most common in Liverpool, Manchester and Liverpool, Manchester and Birmingham. Mr Malcolm Ramsey, a Home Office research officer, says that men were more often victims of muggings than women (44 per cent), and young people aged under 30 (45 per cent) more than pensioners (14 per cent).

In Liverpool and Manchester white people were responsible for a greater proportion of the muggings than were blacks. Only in Birmingham, where there was the greatest proportion of less serious offences, did blacks predominate.

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"Even so, the level of robberies, encompassing the more serious muggings, recorded by the police in 1980 was only 30 per 100,000 of the total population in England and Wales."

The research team took a random sample of crime files in two or three of the worst affected divisions in the three cities chosen, including the city centre, covering the first six months of last year.

Weapons were involved in fewer than one in six incidents and used in only 12 of 294 cases. More than nine

#### Amnesty's leadership challenged

By Michael Horspell

The despute between members of Amnesty International's British section over the appointment of Mr Jeremy Thorpe as director will continue on Saturday, when an emergency resolution of no confidence in the organization's council, which appointed the former leader of the Liberal Party last month, will be proposed. month, will be propose

chairman of the February 1982 Action Committee, which was formed to reverse the appointment, is expected to propose the motion at the annual general meeting of the section in Rochampton,

south-west London.
The motion, which may force the resignation of Mr. Roger Briottet; the chairman, and the 26-member council, is believed to allege that the British section can no longer function effectively under the council's governance.

It also welcomes the coun-cil's replacement by a new council whose quorum will-be established on Saturday by the declaration of results of a limited election held since the appointment of Mr

Thorpe.
Sir Michael, a regional coordinator for Amnesty International in the Middle East, said yesterday: "It is self-evident there was con-tiderable feeling about the appointment of Mr Thorpe and that this will carry on to

the AGM".

Mr Briottet, a leading supporter of Mr Thorpe, who resigned earlier this month in the face of an overwhelming campaign to oust him from the £14,000-a-year job, would not comment yester-

#### SEAT BELT TV FILM BLACKED

By Kenneth Gosling Government information films on television, which include the clumk-click seat-belt campaign, have been blacked by the technicians' union over redundancies in the Central Office of Information's film and television division.

The redundancies of 26 members of the Association of Cinematograph, Television and Allied Technicians are due to take effect next Wednesday after a government decision to hand to a private firm work previously undertaken by the Col. The estimated saving for 1982-83

is £105,000. The blacking has not yet spread to general govern-ment filming; but three government commercials due to be screened by Tyne Tees Television have been blacked; according to Mr Alan Sapper. the association's general

part of the government cuts; it is unfortunate that these people, mainly directors and assistant directors, editors and assistant editors, and set and graphics staff, are being made redundant." There were a further 135 employees in the film and television division, he said.



#### Church paintings restored

A member of an Anglo-German team of picture restorers at work repairing part of the eighteenth-century wall painting and the ceiling painting, "The Ador-ation" by Laguerre at St Lawrence Church, Stan-more, Middlesex Wall-painting (above). conservation being such a small and highly spe-cialized craft the Councialized craft the Council for the Care of Churches asked for help from Herr Wolfgang Gärtner, of Tübingen, who leads a team of restorers wrking in southern Germany.

St Lawrence church

(right) was rebuilt in 1715 by James Bridges, first Duke of Chandos, in the Continental baroque style, and is con-sidered unique among English parish churches for its architecture and interior decoration. Thewood carving was

carried out by Grinling Gibbons, the Englishman trained in Rotterdam, and all the artists employed on the decoration, rancesco Sleter, were brought to Stanmore from abroad. George Frederick Handel was for a time the musician at this church,



# Stansted 'too far out for passengers'

By Michael Baily, Transport Correspondent

It would be far more convenient for most passen-gers if no third London airport was built and Heath-

airport was built and Heathrow and possibly Gatwick
were expanded to meet the
foreseeable demand, the Air
Transport Users Committee
says in a submission to the
Stansted inquiry.
That does not mean automatic endorsement of the
counter-proposal for a fifth
terminal at Heathrow, the
committee says, though that
may be the only practicable
course.

mined to intensify the protest, pointing out that the
campaign has already

Stansted when they could go

Government into its first think it far sighted to scattered demonstrable U-turn over the way the Victorians scattered way the Darold Wigley, the main-line railway stations." The committee notes that the British Airports Authority says the Heathrow terminal five scheme would

cost £57m more than the Stansted scheme. But that is a difference of only 10 per cent in total costs, and since all figures are approximate it could be several percentage In any case, the money saved by the CAA in building

a new airport 30 miles from London would soon be spent by passengers getting out there", the committee says.

Although it may take longer to expand Heathrow than to build at Stansted, increases in passenger de-mand are unlikely to be as great as was believed a few years ago, it says. Last year air travel to and from London

hardly changed.

With a new fourth terminal being built at Heathrow, and a second at Gatwick, by 1989 those airports will be capable of handling 64 million passengers a year, 73 per cent more than last year's level of 37 million.

Mr William Maiklem, who farms near Gatwick, told the inquiry of encounters with trespassers armed with shot-guns and pistols, of unorga-nized motor cycle scrambles on his fields, and of frequent vandalism and arson.

He regularly suffered from damage to fences, theft of virtually any movable item, and damage to any farm machinery left unattended or outside a secure area. Items as large as a subsoiler, some 3ft square and weighing more than a hundredweight, had

Stored fertilizer bags had been slashed open and fires started deliberately. Inci-dents of treespass included not just people walking their dogs, but also football games, motor cycles being raced round fields, picnics and

Local residents seemed to regard his land as a recreational area. Particularly worrying were trespassers carrying guns, whom he and his men were naturally reluctant to approach. Horse riders had laid out jumps in his fields, damaging hay and

Despite frequent com-plaints, the police had only once felt able to bring a prosecution. The offending motor cyclists were given a small fine and made to pay £10 compensation.

Mr Robert Collins, who

used to farm near Harlow, Essex, said he had suffered six deliberate fires in five years. At one farm half the buildings were lost in a fire, and in another a Dutch barn with the year's baled hay and straw was destroyed. His insurance premiums had risen and there was a

threat that the company would refuse to renew cover. Besides theft and damage to property, there was also the uncertainty of not know-ing when his land would be required by the authorities for new town expansion. He had no choice but to mini-mize all capital expenditure on buildings, machinery and on the land itself.

Urban development

'threat to farming'

'The difficulties of farming on the edge of urban areas were vividly recounted yesterday at the Stansted inquiry (John Young writes).

on the land itself.

Morale among the farm wrkers had dropped and the best had sought jobs elsewhere. Finally he, too, had sold up and bought another farm, only to find that it was threatened by the expansion of Stanstead.

# Britain 'lagging in biotechnology'

the development of the new biotechnology industries, the Commons Select Committee on Education, Science and the Arts was told yesterday.

The Government's failure to lay the foundation for progress in that field came under severe attack from four fellows of the Royal

Their catalogue of com-plaints clearly impressed the parliamentarians.

that is advancing very rapidly in the United States, Japan and some EEC countries; and

perhaps a ministers of the complicated and uniquely British way of organizing research and teaching might explain in part the havoc being caused.

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But the starting point for all their criticisms is the report by the late Dr Alfred Spinks, former director of research to ICI, to the Cabinet, recommending the creation of 20 new acdemic

creation of 20 new acdemic posts to strengthen the university groups collaborating on biotechnology.

Professor Hartley, director of the Centre for Biotechnology at Imperial College, London, said there had been no creative response from

recommendations made two the unusual character of pears ago by the Cabinet's advisory board on research; The undermining of basic research programmes in universities on which the universities on which the universities of microbiologists. microbiologists, geneticists, biochemists, plant scientists and chemical engineers, in fact it is a classic example of a rather misunderstood term, an interdisciplinary subject, she said.

The 20 academic posts proposed by Dr Spinks were a mixture of those disciplines. Professor Lilly says the purpose is to introduce them into the biotechnology groups being created in universities to fill the gaps in

various teams.

The difficulty is that the posts would have to be paid for through the University Grants Committee, but the money to that body has been

cut by the Department of Education and Science. Professor Clarke said that the adoption of the Spinks report would mean that some of the best scientists would be enticed back to Britain. While Britain had wasted two

ies which have been made were based on university and would be lost in much the industrial collaboration.

#### Government funds plea by nuclear protesters

By Our Science Editor

the American type of pressu-rized water reactor (PWR) to put their case properly.

The request, on behalf of a

number of environmental groups, is being made to Mr Nigel Lawson, Secretary of State for Energy, by the Friends of the Earth. A letter to the minister

from Mr Steven Billcliffe, the Friends' director, says the response to suggestions for public funding has been that objectors have yet to make out a case for support.

He says it is difficult to

assess the scope and cost of the hearing planned into proposals to build a PWR at documentation on the Size-well B PWR design that the Central Electricity Generatintend to publish, and the unpredictable length of the

inquiry.
The Friends believe the cost of presenting a case against the Sizewell B reactor on safety grounds could be £250,000. They argue that public confidence in the examination of the issue will depend on the fairness with which the case for and against is presented.

One of the safety issues is

The Government is being in today's New Scientist asked to provide a public analysed by Sir Alan Cottrell, fund to enable objectors at the forthcoming inquiry into the introduction to Britain of the American type of pressu-Government. He has been critical in the past of adorcritical in the past of adop-tion of the American type of reactor which has its nuclear core encased in a single, steel pressure vessel.

His doubts centre in the possibility of a vessel having cracks or flaws, originating at the time of manufacture, which could cause sudden

Sir Alan says there have been important developments since his estimates were made. The quality of steels and welding techniques has improved and the science of fracture mechanics has advanced.

On the other hand, small cracks in pressure vessels have been found in French PWRs. In some earlier American PWRs steel parts of the vessel nearest to the reactor ing Board and the Nuclear core showed signs of becom-Installations Inspectorate ing brittle through exposure ing brittle through exposure to nuclear radiation. How ever, the cause of these two defects is known and they should be avoidable, Sir Alan

> Fares cut by half The Swansea-based South

Wales Transport company are cutting fares by up to half to attract more passengers.

#### Man who killed sex shops in Atlanta

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By David Nicholson-Lord Once upon a time there were 44 dirty bookshops in the United States city of Atlanta, Georgia. Now there is none. Yesterday Mr Hin-son McAuliffe explained

why.
It was purely, MrMcAuliffe said, a question of good law, good law enforcement offigood law emorrement officers, good prosecutors and good judges. The British, he clearly implied, though a fine and good people, were deficient in certain of those respects. But he was far too polite to say so

respects. But he was far too polite to say so.

Mr McAuliffe, aged 60, is a Baptist, a family man and a former US Army corporal stationed in Britain during the war. He looks not unlike President Eisenhower. More important, he is the man who eradicated sex shops from the face of central Atlanta and believer that, within five years if present trends continue, the whole of the United States could be similarly relieved.

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He was invited to Britain and introduced to the press yesterday by Mrs Mary Whitehouse, honorary president of the National Viewers' and Listeners' Association, which he will address on Saturday. Today he will speak to MPs and peers in advance of the second reading of the Dissemination of ing of the Dissemination of Pornography Bill in the

Lords.

The invitation to Mr McAuliffe, who is Solicitor General and thus chief prosecutor in Fulton County, covering Atlanta, was designed to emphasize to Britain its "disastrous" lack of control over portography control over pornography, Mrs Whitehouse said. She knew from "absolutely impeccable" sources that Mafia money was behind much of the British pornography industry.

industry.

According to MrMcAuliffe,
the launching point for his
drive against the sex shops drive against the sex snops was a Georgia state law in 1975 incorporating a revised ruling from the US Supreme Court. That changed the obscenity test for material from "Utterly without redeeming social value" to "locks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific

tic, political or scientific value". Armed with the new law, unprompted by any religious lobby and in the face of some harsh press treatment, Mr McAuliffe sent out his under-cover investigators to do

The first stage was straightforward obscenity prosecutions. Fines were raised from \$300 to \$5,000. Next came prosecutions for nuisance, assaults and moral acts committed shops. Trade fell off when peep-show doors were dis-mantled by order.

Finally Mr McAuliffe had nis men bring involuntary bankruptcy petitions against pornographers, forcing them to disclose their assets. That broke the back of resistance, he said. The 20 remaining sex shops closed down.

Mr McAuliffe thought that most of the two million people in Atlanta were happier as a result. Misconceptions were rite

about the deep South's so-called bable belt, Mr McAu-liffe added. "There are so many people in a position to do what I did but who feel they don't bave the backing of the public.

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#### **NEWS IN SUMMARY**

## Judge bans council newspaper

A local government news-paper with a front page article aimed to promote the election of a Labour candi-date was banned by a judge yesterday.

Lord Ross in the Court of Session in Edinburgh granted an order banning the Lothian Clarron, the newspaper of Lothian regional from heing distributions. council, from being distrib-uted to 300,000 households for a period up to and including the local govern-ment elections on May 6.

The interim interdict was sought by three Conservative councillors, who said the article was in breach of the Representation of the People Act, 1949. Under the Act no expenses could be incurred with a view to promoting the election of any candidate by anyone except the candidate or his agent.

#### Men praised for rail rescue

Mr Frank Wilby and M Joseph Jagdeo, who work for British Rail, were praised by the police yesterday for rescuing a women "from certain death" when a man tried to push her in front of a train at Clapham Juntion, south London.

The Central Criminal Court was told that Donald Dufton, aged 50, the attacker of Pampisford Road, Croydon, was said by psychiatrists to have an obsessive urge to kill someone on a station. He was sent to Broadmoor indefinitely when he admitted attempting to murder the women.

#### **Falling horse** killed jockey

Mr John Thorne, a top jockey, died after his horse, Bend A Knee, somersaulted and fell on him, an inquest in oxford heard yesterday. Mr
Thorne, aged 55, of Learnington Spa, Warickshire, was in
a point-to-point meeting near
Banbury, Oxfordshire, he
died in hospital.

A verdict of accidental death was recorded on Mr Thorne who finished second in last year's Grand National.

#### Soccer fan fined

A Brighton football supfishing weight during a first division match at Michael Robinson, the Brighton and Irish Republic player, scar-ring his face, was ordered to pay £200 and £50 compensation by a juvenile court at Hove, East Sussex, yester-

Police chief charged Sri Lanka's deputy chief of

police was granted uncon-ditional bail at Marlborough Street Court, London, yesterday accused of shoplifting fro Selfridges in Oxford Street. Mr Tyrrell Gunatilaka, aged 55, who is in London for open heart surgery, is to appear at Wells Street court

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#### with central heating, double glazing, a lavatory suite, a wash machine and other gifts from contractors. Mr Andrew Patience, for the defence, said: "He found himself in an environment where there was almost total lack of moral standards." He began taking "backhanders" for giving favours.

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent Though mugging is greatly tacker. The rest were the

crimes.
"Even so, the level of

The article expresses surprise that only one in ten victims was unsure of the attacker's ethnic identity. In many cases judgments were based on a quick glimpse in the dark.

In the centre of Southampton, a city with a substantial ethnic minority, Home Office research showed that only one of 21 muggings there in 1980 involved a black at.

In the defective myth, page 12

#### Water war ahead, says Plaid Cymru

Welsh language issue.

Mr Dafydd Wigley, the
Party president, has returned.

outside the authority's head-quarters in Brecon.
The compaign has been undertaken because con-sumers in Wales are charged up to twice as much for their water as people in England who receive their supplies from reservoirs in the principality. The whole question of Welsh water has been exam-ined by the Parliamentary

In its evidence to the committee, Plaid Cymru said that Wales should be paid £40m for water exported to English authorities. That is about 25p a thousand gallons for the 240 million gallons a day that is "exported".

The dicument submitted to the communities by the Wales CBI says that the authority's failure to control resemble.

failure to control manning levels may in part be attri-buted to its policy of no buted to its policy of no compulsory redundancies. could pay more for water abstraction for industrial use than 20 factories in areas

was promoted to a respon-sible job at the Department of the Environment, it was said at the Central Criminal

Court yesterday.
As a professional and technical officer in the

department's Property Ser-

vices Agency, he was repon-sible for the maintenance of

public buildings in Kensing-

ton, west London. But he admitted furnishing his home

rife, and not only at his level but above him."

Harrison, aged 35, of Magnolia Avenue, Gilling-

of

From Tim Jones, Cardiff Prom Tim Jones, Cardiff
Plaid Cymru claimed yesterday that thousands of people, throughout Wales were prepared to face court action rather than pay "unjust water charges".

The party launched its campaign against the Welsh Water Authority four weeks ago in spite of warnings that the action could lead to even higher bills for consumers.

Party strategists are determined to intensify the pro-

to the authority his unpaid bill for £267 and tomorrow a demonstration will be held outside the authority's head-

Committee on Welsh Affairs and its report, to be pub-

Its evidence showed that ust five factories in Wales

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# covered by four English water authorities.

domestic equipment worth
£3,700 for his £60,000 house,
from various contractors.

Takes Petre said: "It is involved in the corruption, what in a statement: "From said in a statement said in a statement: "From said in a statement: "From s

'Corruption rife' in Crown office

Judge Petre said: "It is absolutely essential that people in your position place the work to the benefit of the community, as you are using public money, and that you should not be influenced as to who you give the job to by how much they will put into your private pocket".

Mr. Godfrey Carey, for the his partner, William Allen, prosecution, said Scotland Yard's Fraud Squad began an investigation after an anonymous letter was sent to each fined £1,500, with four prosecution, said Scotland Yard's Fraud Squad began an investigation after an anonymous letter was sent to each fined £1,500, with four Greater London Council months' imprisonment in about the activities of one of default of payment.

Garry Harrison found that ham, Kent, now a self-emfor agreeing not to check corruption was rife when he ployed plumber, was sen-inflated claims for payment was promoted to a respontenced to six months' imprisand he was given £1,400 cash sible job at the Department onment. He admitted taking over two years from a of the Environment, it was £3,000 in cash bribes and plumbing firm.

said in a statement: "From talking to other contractors I knew I was expected to give Harrison money in order to Sizewell, Suffolk. It depends get work, so I was not on the final terms of the surprised when he made it inquiry, the nature of the known". McCartney, of Brian Road

for giving favours.

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# By Pearce Wright, Science Editor Britian is falling behind in same way as the country lost he development of the new its position among leaders in

Society, an organisation that is recognized as a hallmark of moderate opinion.

parliamentarians.

The shortcomings they listed can be divided into four categories: The failure of the Government to act on the Government to act on the unusual character of the unusual character universities on which the future of biotechnology is based; The discouragement of university and industry collaboration in a technology

finally the loss of first class scientists to the United States and the Continent. Sir Arnold Burgen, Pro-fessor Patricia Clarke, Pro-fessor Brian Hartley and Professor M. D. Lilly, the four fellows, suggested that perhaps a lack of appreci-

# Nevertheless, their various

# Pornography is leading youngsters into crime

#### LAW AND ORDER

Justice, in his maiden speech in the House of Lords, said it would be deceliction of duty if the courts started treating recidivist young burglars with kid gloves. young burglars with kid gloves.

Speaking in the debate on law
and order, he defended judges
against what he called recent heavy and hysterical criticism on sentences they had passed. He said it was impossible for the judges to be right and there was a limit to what judges could do. He called for action against the huge increase in the sale of nuge increase in the sale of pornography traceable to glossy imports, large quantities of which came into the country disguised as Danish bacon or Dutch tomatoes, it found its way into the hands of young people with the inevitable results seen increase event day.

Lord Renton (C) in opening the debate, said that there was growing public anxiety about the crime wave, more especially because of the great increase in burglaries from homes and of

or more in other recent years. However, more than a million cases had been cleared up in England and Wales, compared with fewer than 900,000 in 1980. Crime had increased remorse-lessly over the years in spite of efforts to defeat it by having more and better equipped police. It was especially distressing that 50 per cent of offenders were under 21. Finding excuses for them would not help. Unemployment is not an excuse (he said) and I doubt whether it is ever a major cause. Expenditure on police forces Crime had increased remorse-

Expenditure on police forces was goino up from £1,150m in 1978-79 to £2,314m in 1982-83, slightly more than double and than taking account of

initation.

His achievements and policies were a great credit to Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary.

He bad not been responsible for He had not been responsible for last year's increase in crime.

But for the measures he has taken (he said) it would have been even worse. He has gained the confidence of the police and their morale is high.

The police deserved and needed the full support of Parliament

and people all the time. There were those on the extreme left who wanted to destroy society and one of the principal methods was by breaking the morale of the police. As Mr/Pat Wall had the police. As Mr/Pat Wall had said plainly and publicly, they would like to get rid of all judges and police. But that would not put the country right.

Everyone else had a strong interest in encouraging the police. Their establishments should be reviewed, as a high priority. That had last been done some years ago.

some years ago.

All local police committees should support their forces without interfering with their operational methods. The police vere professionals and experienced and it as not for amateurs, even democratically elected ones, to attempt to dictate to them.

There were people who felt like forming vigilantes but they should be discouraged. However, under common law, everyone had

under common law, everyone had a duty to help the police when asked. If people wanted to give active help, they should apply to become special constables.

The great silent majority could help by bringing up their children deceatly with love and firmness which were interdependent. They could not have one without the other. Parents should set an example of sober good behaviour.

good behaviour.

Teachers also had a part to play. They could encourage the police to give talks in schools and that might lead to better

from the children.

We have a Home Secretary (he

Lord Belstead, Under Secretary the

up to the rest of us.

Lord Elystan Morgan (Lab), for
the Opposition, said that the
police had a wide-ranging duty,
to enable society to indulge in its
normal peaceful occupations.

Suppression and control of crime was an important part, but only one part of that comprehensive duty.

It was fallacious to suggest that there was a racialist basis for crime, but that was the impression given and, it seemed, carefully fostered by the publication by the Metropolitan Police a week or so ago of the analysis of figures for robbery and other violent crime broken down on a riolent crime broken down on a

violent crime broken down on a colour basis.

As an analysis it was wholly misleading. Whether or not it was calculated to poison race re-lations, it ran a high danger of

crime wave, more especially because of the great increase in burglaries from homes and of street muggings.

Anxiety was further increased beause only 38 per cent of the offences in England and Wales brought to the notice of the police had been cleared up last year, compared with 40 per cent or more in other recent years.

However, more themselves in turn responsive to public feeling. Against such principles, the remarks of Mr James Anderton, the Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, and his proposal that elected members should be abolished from police authorities and replaced. from police authorities and replaced by people appointed bureaucratically, should be bureaucratically, should be looked at with great trepidation. All the statistics were against the argument that the reintroduc-tion of capital punishment would

tion of capital punishment would save human life to any degree.

He was shocked by the statement made by Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, last week that she saw no correlation between a high level of crime and the highest level of unemployment the community had suffered for the last 50 years.

Did she expect that milions of homes could be visited by the night of actual or threatened plight of actual or threatened unemployment with all the frustration and desperation that this eotalied without spawning the conditions for added crime? Governments, often to the right, were often tempted to lash the public into frothy fury over fears for law and order. Such a ploy could be a powerful distraction from failure in

economic and social policies. Lord Wigoder (L) said there were far too many people in public life who openly said that the law was there to be defied if it pleased them to do so. He was deeply perturbed at that development in

perturbed at that development in recent times and the way in which those people were being sheltered inside the ranks of the Labour Party instead of being driven out into the wilderness where they belonged.

To be strengthened, the police had to be integrated into the community. It was necessary to cease to treat them as a separate part of society and to try to set

whom it was post willing to cooperate.

whom it was possible to be willing to cooperate.

Steps must be taken to encourage the ethnic minorities to have their representatives in the police force.

Clearly the police must be accountable to someone. It was an interesting argument as to whether the Metropolitan Police should be responsible directly to the Rome Secretary or not, but he hoped the Rouse would agree, wherever they were to be with lid slower. whoever the House would agree, whoever they were to be responsible to, perhaps Mr Livingstone would not be an ideal

choice.

He did not believe that the severity of punishment in itself, let alone the brutality of punishment in itself, was a deterrent in more than a minute number of cases. He knew of few people who had come out of prison any better than they went into it. The value of a prison sentence was quite simply that so long as a person was in prison he

said) who is doing what he can and so are the police. Now it is up to the rest of us.

Lord Belstead, Under Secretary of State, Home Office said the number of robberies recorded in 1981 rose disturbingly, by about

1981 rose disturbingly, by about one third in comparison with the previous year. In view of the public concern about robbery and theft it was better, in the Government's view, for problems to be discussed in terms of as many facts as possible rather than entirely on the grounds of

The Government had done so in the recent study on racial

in the recent study on racial attacks. It was not going to turn round and criticize the Metropolitan Police for doing very much the same thing. They needed to know as much as possible about crime. People of all races in the community needed to be informed about crime. Home Office officials were engaged in a series of visits to selected police force areas outside London to see how police and community liaison could operate inside and outside London in future. The Government were considering, following the riots of last summer, the need for public order legislation, and were consulting on this.

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and were consulting on this.

One could not and must not look to the police alone to solve the problems. That was why the Home Secretary would take further action across the board on the criminal justice system.

The Government was seeking to moderaize and clarify the law. In the Criminal Justice Bill, additional powers were provided for the courts to deal with crime. In prisons, the Government had started to reverse the alide in capacity because of years of neglect and giving a priority to building.

Beyond that, positive action from those outside the criminal justice system and from the community as a whole was

community as a whole was needed, with the ability to look at things afresh while retaining confidence in the institutions.

Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, in a maiden speech, said that statistics were mostly misleading and largely uintelligible. The police could only operate with the consent and active help of law-abiding citizens.

what could destroy the effi-cacy of the police more quickly than anything was the undermin-ing of their authority by those who should know better.

who should know better.

Judges were a popular target for all sorts of people. They were an attractive target because they made good copy and seldom had an opportunity to answer back.

With the past few days, judges had been heavily and almost hysterically criticized for passing too leaient sentences and also for bassing too severe sentences. It

passing too severe sentences. It was impossible for judges to be right.

They were trying to reduce prison sentences. It had become apparent that prison never did anyone any good. Judges needed no encouragement to realize that part of society and to try to get apparent that prison never did anyone any good. Judges needed friends, as people upon whom it was possible to rely and with whom it was possible to be the better.

treating recidivist young burglars with kid gloves.
They had to be sent to prison if only because while there they were not terrorizing householders and stealing their goods. He wished to explode the myth He wished to explode the myth which had gained currency in the media recently, that judges had thwarted the Home Office liberal penal proposals by threatening to increase prison sentences in retaliation against the proposals.

A judge would have been in a hopeless dilemma in many cases with sentences which he knew

would only result in a third of the time being spent in prison. He was not to have been given the oportunity of not applying the new type of sentence.

It was necessary to give judges an opportunity of non-applying the automatic reduction of a

By the time the criminal falls into the hands of the police, and particularly by the time he reaches court (he said), it is too The remedy, if it can be found, must be sought a great deal

All the old sanctions had gone: All the old sanctions had gone; the parental, the religious, the social, the financial and the employment sanction. It was now had psychology for anyone to have a bad conscience or a guilty conscience, but nothing had been found to replace it.

Apart from those disincentives which had gone, they were faced with incentives to commit crime in the shape of violence depicted on screens of all sizes. on screens of all sizes.

Acquisitiveness and greed were depicted and religiously imitated by the youngsters who formed such a large part of the statistics. One would only have to sit a short time in his court in the Strand to realize the imitative effect of the huge increase in the sale of pornography. Beause of the rarification and recondite type of sexual behaviour which now accompanied crime, crime was almost inevitable.

It is traceable to glossy imports which come into the country (he said), disguised as Danish bacon or Dutch tomatoes, in large

or Dutch tomatoes, in large quantities which percolate through various shops to find their way into the hands of young people with inevitable serious results which we see increasing every day.

increasing every day.

Those are the areas where the attack should be levelled, rather than too late, at the time when



Renton: Unemployment is

that the statistics, out of context and without full analysis, blazoned as headlines in certain sections of the media, were likely to sway public opinion against support of Lord Scarman's recommendations and towards the passing of amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill against the They were faced with a cause

for serious concern, but there was no reason for surprise because it had been going on for headline: "56 crimes an hour in London". In the second para-graph it had been explained that 53 of the crimes were of breaking

Only three of the S5 related to violence against the person. He did not seek to condone any degree of violence, but merely suggested the importance of retaining a correct perspective and of holding a sense of proportion about the degree of violence and its geographical spread.

spread.
He had been burgled three times in three years and lost every piece of inscribed silver. of purely sentimental value which he possessed.



Lane: Impossible to be right.

So long as western society was prepared to tolerate economic and social dissavantage and failed to win the respect of the young generation to the extent that it did, it must be prepared to expect quite a high percentage of crime.

Cowardly attacks must attract severe penalties, but even in

severe penalties, but even in crimes such as this, there should be a constructive element. There should be an experiment in should be an experiment in facing the assailant up to his victim with a view to his feeling some shame, making an apology or making some reparation.

Not least among those who deserved support was the Home Secretary himself. Mr Whitelaw had been under intense pressure to change course and he should not be deviated or deterred from the pursuit of policies that he had been following hitherto. To the extent that he held to those policies he had the total support of the Social Democratic bench.

Lord Royd-Carpenter (C) said he Lord Boyd-Carpenter (C) said he disagreed with Lord Elystan-Morgan's criticism of the state-ment by the Metropolitan Police which included the number of the ethnic minorities who had

which microded the number of the ethnic minorities who had committed certain offences. It was a mistake in matters of this sort to conceal anything, If the Metropolitan Police were in possession of facts that might be relevant to the debate in the community, they would be at fault if they supressed them.

As for capital punishment, it remained his judgment that on balance it was better that the guilty rather than the innocent should suffer.

Terrorists were never greatly impressed by long prison sentences because of the alleviations open to them. If the penalty, on the other hand, was a speedy death this would be a considerable deterrent.

able deterrent.

This was almost the ideal subject for a referendum but it could not be binding either on peers or MPs. Members would be entirely free to vote for their conscience, but they would know what the public wanted.

Lord Gardiner, the former Lord Chancellor, said that he had recommended to Scotland Yard use of a computer, but if he had known the use that would be made of it, he would never have made that recommendatiom. People expected personal infor-mation to remain confidential. The Home Office supplied confidential, personal information to several other depart-

ments.

The recent action of the police: inadvised. He doubted whether the police were really wise to spend a lot of money hoping that half-page advertisements would change public opinion on a political question. The police had not given statistics on homicides, level in seven years.

Lord Scarman, who constructed last year's inquiry into the Brixton riots, said he was delighted that, by and large, the analysis he had attempted of the problem of law and order in



Scarman: Report was right.

minister and others and man there was a broad intention to implement the recommendations. He stood by his report. He had not yet learnt anything of subsequent experience which would indicate to him that any of would indicate to him that any of its recommendations were wrong or its analysis faulty.

The need to strengthen and support the police was imperative. There was an occasion in Brixton on the Saturday when a few unreinforced police, many of them young, under local and courageous leadership, had stood between the inner city of London

between the inner city of Londor and total collapse, no doubt limited in area, of law and order. That was an indication of the need for a strong and well supported police force.

If that thin blue line had been overwhelmed (he said), and it nearly was on that Saturday wish:

night, there is no other way of dealing with it except the awful ultimate requirement of calling

the Army.

To turn the military inwards on British people is not something which our tolerant and free society can possibly accept.

society can possibly accept.

In retrospect the greatest disaster in the Northern Ireland situation had not been when the Army went into the Bogside in the late summer of 1969 but when the RUC had come out and stayed out for years.

There was a model there. Unless the police were not only strong but well supported by the people, they might find themselves in that sort of sutuation which was the beginning of the end of liberty and a tolerant society. It might be the beginning of the end of very much more.

#### Training boards face axe

The Government intends to lay the statutory instruments to abolish 16 training boards in two batches — the first probably in May and the second in lune, Mr Peter Morrison, Under Secretary of State for Employment, said in a written renty.

of State for Employment, said in a written reply.

The first batch is likely to cover the boards for air transport and travel, carpet, chemical and allied products, footwer, leather and far skin, iron and steel, knitting lace and net, man-made fibres, road transport, and wool, jute and flax.

The timetable depends on the employees organizations, estimates

employer organisations setting up alternative, non-statutory training arrangements, he said. Parliament today

Commons (2.30). Questions:
Northern Ireland; Prime Minister. Debate on law and order.
Lords (3): Travel Concessions
(London) Bill, third reading.
Dissemination of Pornography
Bill, second reading.

Lord Cayser, formerly Sir Nicholas Cayser, chairman of the British and Commonwealth Ship-ping Company Limited, was introduced.

#### Some records of business: names kept

As an alternative to destruction, and subject to the approval
of the Lord Chancellor, others
might be made available to the
London, Birmingham and Cardiff
Chambers of Commerce as being
the only bodies which had been
able to accept the conditions
attached by the Government to
the disposal of such records.

The only financial contribution The only renancial continuous to public funds to be expected would be from the waste paper value of those documents which were to be destroyed.

Because of the smaller numb of registrations, the Scottish Record Office proposed to preserve and maintain public access to all documentations relating to former registrations in Scotland.

Percival: useful measure of

was .a. useful measure of law reform.

lift trade barriers

Mr Humphrey Atkins, Lord Privy Seal, reporting on the meeting of foreign ministers of the Euro-pean Community beld in Brussels on Monday and Tuesday, said that they endorsed the view that relations with Japan remained a relations wih Japan remained a serious concern. They agreed, he said, a comprehensive approach to the problems. This included to the problems. This included efforts to persuade Japan to modify its trade and economic policies, a renewed call for tangible assurances of effective moderation of Japanese exports in sensitive sectors and an agreement that the Community that the Community and the sensitive sectors with the community that the community and the sensitive sectors with the community that the community and the sensitive sectors with the community that the community and the sensitive sectors with the community and the sensitive sectors with the community and the sensitive sensiti

Japan pressed to

imports.

The whole of Tuesday was taken up with discussion of the May 30 mandate and in particular the problem of Britain's budget mission and the Council (he went on) put forward on a personal basis some new ideas on a method of dealing with the budget problems. These were greeted with real interest by ministers of the member states who arread not to discuss them who agreed not to discuss them further at a special meeting of foreign ministers to be held on Saturday, April 3.

Mr Eric Heffer, chlef Opposition spokesman on European and Community affairs (Liverpool, Walton, Lab) said it would be useful if the Lord Privy seal could read into the record what was on the front page of The Times which seems to be better informed than MPs on these

matters.
It is time (he added) that we had some idea what is precisely being proposed on the budget. The danger is that we are going to have a situation where we could end up with a shoddy deal which would involve another retreat and possibly a self-out on

retreat and possibly a self-out on the Government's part.

We have read in some newspapers that the Irish Foreign aminister has said that Lord Carrington, the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, accepted that there would be no linkage between farm prices and the budget. We have also been told that the Secretary of State did not accept this. I would like to know the answer.

It would be avenue if an half on this. How many more businesses are going to go in this country and Europe because of penetration from Japan and because the into that country? When is this country or Europe going to take country or Europe going to the country or Europe because the some action?

Mr Atlâns: It is. That is why I was glad to be able to tell the House that we are taking the action I have described because it is necessary we should exert the

not accept this. I would like to know the answer.

It would be wrong if we had a situation where there was an agreement on the budget—possibly a shoddy deal—and at the same time an increase in prices at the farm gate which are going to put up prices of food for the British people in a big way.

Mr Atkins: Mr Heffer has quoted from a number of pewspapers.

Mr Atkins: as yet, this is not

should.

The discussions going on about agricultural policy and the budget reform are going forward together and will go forward in

Sir Peter Emery (Honiton, C). For many years now the foreign ministers have been expressing at their Brussels meetings concern lanan and about the restrictions on imports into Japan. Do we not get to a stage that if we cannot get to a stage that if we cannot get agreement to take positive action as a Community Britain ought to take unilateral action? Mr Atkins: The Community as a body is more powerful than this country alone. I believe that is the right course of action to take under Article 23 of the General Agreement of Tariffs and Trade to persuade the Japanese to liberalize her own import policy and economic policy. and economic policy.

Dr David Owen (Plymouth, Evonport, SDP): On Japan, the time has come to set a deadline. time has come to set a deadline. These discussions have gone on for many years. The import restrictions are very damaging to trade. The export penetration in certain key undustries is extremely damaging for many European countries.

Mr Atkins: On Japan, I believe the move the Community is now taking is the most useful course, we can adopt. There is no set timetable for this procedure. We intend to proceed with it as

Rutland, C): Every time he makes a statement of this kind there is something in about discussions with Japan. We seem to make no progress on this.

How many more businesses are going to go in this country and

from a number of newspapers. Mr Atkins: as yet, this is not He knows by now not to believe determined. Our contribution for everything he reads in the last year was £56m.

# A new dimension to the word complexity

LEGAL

The Civil Jurisdiction and Judgmuts Bill, which regulates the international aspects of the jurisdiction of civil courts and how their judgments might be enforced, had a simple objective entorced, had a simple objective but it had been described as giving a new dimension to the word complexity Sir Ian Percival, Solicitor General, said in moving The Bill, which has been through the House of Lords, gives effect in the United Kingdom to the 1959 Convention on jurisdiction and the enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters, establishing uniform rules of civil jurisdiction

of the EEC.

In the event of the United Kingdom withdrawing from the EEC, the Bill would require revision because of references made to contracting states and the 1969 Convention among other things. But there was no reason why the UK should not be able to enter into the same agreements with those countries whether a member of the Community of



As well as ratifying the 1969 Convention, the Bill rationalized some provisions of the law, would introduce much needed elements of certainty into some areas and would strengthen the machinery available for redressing civil rights. While it would be mainly of interest to lawyers, it was a useful measure of law

Mr Peter Archer, chief Oppo-sition spokesman on legal affairs (Warley, West, Lab), said Labour supported the Bill.
It sought to deal with the petty, chauvinistic jealousies which in the past had led to conflict on jurisdiction and, even worse, to the inability to enforce in one

nuntry a judgment given in nother jurisdiction. In a world which claimed to be civilized nobody should be able to evade obligations, which the courts had found he owed, by slinking off to another country. The Bill was a good example of the need to make law enforcement a subject of international cooper-

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It was better for litigants to be clear which court had jurisdic-tion rather than to have a bazaar jurisdiction, holding a Dutch auction to attract plaintiffs. This

Individuals in Britain might be involved in litigation abroad. The Bill gave the Lord Chancellor and the Secretaries of State for Scotland and Northern Ireland power to extend existing legal aid power to extend existing legal aid regulations to fulfill any international obligations undertaken by the United Kingdom and in relation to the enforcement of judgments. But there was a case for looking at the whole groblem for any purpose connected with seeking redress.

Mr Alexander Pollock (Moray and Nairn, C) said in the past there had frequently been prob-lems of enforcement of maintenance provisions where foreign husbands had deserted their Scottish wives.

Curiously such cases increased significantly in recent years not least because of the increase in the popularity of package holidays to the Continent. Many Scottish families had found their daughters' hearts captured by red-blooded foreign

nales. Unfortunately, when they returned to Scotland with their new Scottish wives they found the place too cold for their liking. They then left their wives with inadequate financial features. sources.

It would appear owing to the provisions in this BiH it would be much easier for such deserted wives in Scotland now to secure

Mr Peter Fraser, Solicitor General for Scotland, said although this involved a compli-cated set of measures to sort out, how jurisdiction was to be-established in the Scottish. courts, it was simpler than it appeared from a reading of the schedules and parts of the convention included in the Bill in principle, the new rules would apply to all civil proceedings before the Scottish courts.

The Bill was read a second time.

contract has been rurned down by the Government. Will he repeat the statement be made last week at Hillhead that he was confident that the smeller.

Mr Younger: I am glad to repest what I said last week in Hillhead. There are reports in some papers purporting to be an account of discussions, I can only say that they are wholly inaccurate.

get an announcement about reopening of Invergordon? Mr Younger: That is another question. (Labour protests) I do not have an immediate date in mind for that, but we are making progress towards the first step, which is to establish the basis for a new power contract.

which is to establish the basis for a new power contract.

It will then be necessary to enter into negotiations with the various parties that have are pressed interest to see if they are prepared to operate it.

# Catching up with the best

"In spite of a long list of grievances and restrictions Soviet science can no longer be ignored as weak and insignificant." This week in The Times Higher Education Supplement Zhores Medvedev argues that Soviet science may be behind American or western European science in quality and productivity but the gap is diminishing.

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# Government seeking agreement on change

LORD'S REFORM

Every peer would view it as appalling if the House of Lords was to be abolished, and this view was shared by many people outside Parliament, Lady Young, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, said to cheers when

Lancaster, said to cheers when answering questions about House of Lords reform.

She advised peers to persuade their colleagues in the Commons of this view. The Government would continue, she said, to search for changes in the House of Lords which would be widely according to the president but the p or Lords which would be widely acceptable to the parties, but such changes could only proceed on the basis of all-party talks which in turn must depend upon some measure of agreement on the type of reform which might take place, and at present there take place, and at present there was no sign of this agreement. was no sign of this agreement.

Lord Shinwell (Ind Lab) who had asked what further consideration the Government had given to the subject, said that was a somewhat unsatisfactory answer. Did the Government not realize that the absence of some indication or suggestion of reform of the House of Lords, only served tostrengthen the attitude of those who sought to abolish this House?

If, at the next election, events take a certain direction (he said), there might be an immediate demand for the abolition of this House. Is there any reason why both Houses of Parliament should not begin to discuss, even in a temporary and perhaps potential fashion, what kind of reform is required for the House of Lords?

Lady Young: Reform to the House of Lords can only proceed where there is a measure of agreement that reform is required and what that reform might be. At the moment there is no indication that is such

Lord Avebury (L): Whilst there may be general approval of the motion the House of Lords should continue in being, neither the Labour nor the Conservative parties wish to come to the defence of it because it would be a nuisance if proper resources
were to be made available to
backbenchers in this House as
they are in the House of

Commons to do their job properly. That is why we are kept on such short commons. (Laughter).

Lady Young: I would not accept that remark. The House of Lords does work effectively. The proof of this is the number of amendments which are made in this chamber and are accepted by governments; the number of times we have been instrumental in inscrepancy in legislation. in improvments in legislation, promoting legislation and in airing subjects of national importance. (Cheers).

Viscount St Davids (Ind): While the present stance of the Labour Party is total abolition, there is no chance of agreement between parties. In these circumstances and while it continues, the date for the very much needed reform of this House is never.

Lady Young: I cannot go beyond what I said in my original answer. What is important is that all members of this House should be talking to colleagues in the House of Commons to persuade them of this point of view. There have been (she added later) a number of very successful reforms since the Second World War which have been of a relatively minor nature, or so they were regarded when introduced, which have altered the Housep of Lords.

Lord Jenkins of Putney (Lab): The desire to abolish the House of Lords in its present somewhat indefensible form does not necessarily indicate a devotion to single chamber government.

# for unfair redundancies

practical.

Employers had managed to avoid legal provisions by offering wages for the 30 day or 90 day period in life of notice. They got workers to agree to their ultimate redundancies, to accept a lump sum in lieu and left the shop stawards, staff representatives or full-time union officers without any period to put forward alternatives.

on smelter

the House of Commons. Lady Young: I do not think I would describe members of the House of Commons in quite those terms, but it does illustrate the difficulties of reform because at the time there was a larage measure of agreement that there should be reform but even on the terms of that reform it was still

consult and inform over redundancies were met.

The Bill provided for a minimum £2,000 award for each employee whose potential redundancy had not been subject to the consultation process, with an additional award of £10,000 for those employees who wished to maintain their employment but

All options

SCOTLAND

# Call for fines

Mr Neill Carmichael (Glasgow, Kelvingrove, Lab) successfully sought leave to bring a Bill to impose financial penalties on employers who failed to observe the legal requirements to consult about staff redundancies.

His Unfair Redundancy (Financial Penalties) Bill was formally read a first time.

He said that good employers would have nothing to fear from the proposals which sought to ensure that the obligations to consult and inform over redundancies were met.

still open

Lady Young: I come from a party which is committed to having a second chamber and has said so frequently. I would like Lord Jenkin's party to say the same and in such vigorous terms. Lord Robbins (Ind): There was a

close approximation to a solution

a few years ago which was only defeated by an unholy alliance in

The Government was pursuing several options for a new power contract for the Invergordon smelter, and there was no truth in the suggestion in some newspapers that one of these options had been ruled out, for force the contract of the cont George Younger, Secretary of State fur Scotland, said during discussion on the impact of the Budget on the Scottish economy. Mr Younger said that by giving

Dr Gerard Vaughan, Minister for Consumer Affairs, questioned about the disposal of documen-tation held by the defunct Registry of Business Names, and asked if he would ensure that asked if he would ensure that
that documentation would not be
sold to private individuals or
firms, said that in the case of
England and Wales certain
records were being selected for
transfer to the Public Records
Office for permanent preservation and public access.

the United Kingdom including Scotland, and reinforce the recovery now under way.

Increasing sctivity takes time to feed through to unemployment (he continued), although the rate of increase has fullen sharply over recent months, and in the meantime, provisions under the special measures have been greatly expanded. greatly expanded. Mr Richard Douglas (Dunferm-line, Lab): That is just a bromide. In Scotland we are better at having by elections in relation to

economic activity than having of economic activity than having Budgets. Has the Government made a decision on the urgently needed energy package for the smelter at Invergordon, which would be much more important for that area? for that area? Mr Younger: Is he offering to create a by-election for us all to enjoy? It would be welcome to Conservative MPs.

Invergordon is an important

options for a new power contract of detailed points on for the invergordon Smelter.

There is no truth in the suggestions in some of the papers this morning that one of these options has been ruled out.
Mr David Lambie (Central Ayrshire, Lab): In spite of the reduction in unemployment, Sir Geoffrey. Howe, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, said in the paper issued at the time of the Budget that unemployment would rise in the United Kingdom by another 300,000 this year, Unemployment levels in year, Unemployment levels in North Ayrshire are still around 25 per cent.

Mr Younger: I cannot agree with him that a fall in the seasonally rate of unemployment is a matter for depression or regret, It is a matter for satisfaction that some movement is taking place in the right direction.

Mr Bruce Millan, chief Opposition spokesmap on Scotland (Giasgow, Craigton, Lab): Reverting to the question of Invergordou, today's newspapers are full of detailed points on how a proposal for a new power

will reopen? If he will not, that statement is a cynical attempt to con the electors of Hillhead.

Mr Millan: When are we going to

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# **→** Hume attempts to calm fears over Pope's visit

The Pope's visit to Britain need comparable time for in May poses no threat to national or religious independence, Cardinal Basil Hume, the Archbishop of Westminster, said yesterday.

In an attempt to calm some of the more extreme anxieties about the Pope's visit he

of the more extreme anxieties about the Pope's visit, he told the Free Church Federal Council at its congress in Newcastle upon Tyne that he wanted to "allay some of the exaggerated fears and expectations which seam to be in the poses no threat to national or religious independence." The meeting at Canterbury would be richly significant and his presence there was itself an important step towards closer unity. But "it is unrealiging to average that at exaggerated fears and expec-tations which seem to be developing around this papal

visit".

The Pope's visit to Canterbury would provide a new impetus to the ecumenical movement, he said, but it would "be wildly unrealistic to expect the presence of the Pope among us to be the occasion for solving our ecumenical problems. His coming is only part of a process, a long, patient growing together, which does not admit of instant solutions."

resolve all the difficulties that stand in the way of a visible organic communion between ourselves and the Anglican communion."

It would, however, provide also to meet certain leaders of the churches from the British Council of Churches that day, Cardinal Hume said.

Delegates to the federal council declared their opposition to the return of capital punishment and urged action

Even with the publication to reduce overcrowding in next week of the Anglican! Britain's prisons (Our New-Roman Catholic International castle Correspondent wites).

decade.
"Only in 1988 can the next London, said: "This is not Lambeth Conference give it due consideration. The ment but for a carefully Roman Catholic Church will thought out response.

is unrealistic to expect that at Canterbury the Pope will resolve all the difficulties

punishment and urged action to reduce overcrowding in Britain's prisons (Our New-Commission's report on future relations between the churches, debate about its conclusions is likely to occupy the rest of the decade.

Castle Correspondent writes). They were told by the rest peter Timms, a former prior that society was developing a "punitive oboccupy the rest of the session". Mr Timms, a decade.

Methodist minister.



One of 36 trees being prepared for removal yesterday from Bellahouston Park, Glasgow, to facilitate better viewing for the Pope's visit in June. It is hoped that the trees will be replanted in the autumn.

# First 'off the peg' hospital sets the trend

day when London's first department for use by health "off-the-peg" hospital was suthorities around the counshown to the press.

The hospital, at Newham, east London, is based on third less a sq ft to build than standard design from the highly expensive development of Health and Social Security, called the nucleus design, which is geared to cheap building costs, low running expenses

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A new concept in hospital and flexibility. The basic long central corridor, with a about £20m today, is part of design was unveiled yester-design is provided by the series of cruciforms extending from either side, which gional Health Authority's authorities around the country to the process.

# High fares worry most travellers

fares unreasonable, 51 per cent were bus users, 50 per

cent train, 45 per cent Underground, 30 per cent

only 12 per cent were coach

Hardly anyone complained, because they thought it a waste of time. Either there

was no one to complain to, or

the complaint would be ignored, they thought.

sample of users' comments:

"You get people queueing for ages, It's usually at least 25 minutes. I wait and feel

By Michael Baily, Transport Correspondent

More people are dissatis-fied with fares than with any other aspect of public transport of public transpo other aspect of public transport, according to a survey by the hational Consumer Council (NCC) published today. Of 2,000 who thought

"The trains are appallingly filthy. The last time my husband went on a train he got some brown, gluey stuff on his suit and had to come

"Young hooligans spray stuff on seats and write with lipstick." taxi and 20 per cent air. But

"If it wasn't more pleasant wouldn't bother going by car. But they're so dirty."

"The other week I was in the station and it was extremely crowded. It frightextremely crowded. It mightened me, because a man ran
down the stairs and pushed
me into the wall." "It's not
acceptable, with all the
visitors to London. In the
evening, if I'm in a hurry, it's
very, very jammed. You just
have to put up with it". After fares, complaints diverged sharply. Bus users were concerned most about lack of frequentcy, train users by dirt and discomfort, and the state of the state air travellers by delays and cancellations, underground by overcrowding. Here is a

"To many people couldn't get in or out when it came to my station and had to stay on and return the other way.'

Buses: "There aren't enough Train users also comiained about dirty, bleak staions, poor lavatories queues and huses or staff. It causes chaos and starts arguments and fighting at the bus inadequate car parking.

The report is to be consumer Congress opening at a Surrey University tomorrow and will set the scene for an effort by the NCC to develop a "coherent, practical transport policy for consumers'

Public Transport. (National Consumer Council, 18 Queen Anne's Gate, London, SW1H 9AA, £1).

in the coming year.

# Change urged in right to divorce payment

By Frances Gibb

The abolition of a former on the preoccupied and financially vulnerable moth-receive maintenance payments from her divorced husband is called for in a paper published by the Bow Group yesterday.

The paper, written by Mr Paul Rippon, a solicitor specializing in family law, and representing his personal The paper, a survey of divorce law since the Matrimonial Causes Act, 1973, says there will need to be exceptions to the rule, but "in the considerations of marital considerations of marital considerations of marital considerations of marital considerations."

there will need to be excep-tions to the rule, but "in the tions to the rule, but "in the overwhelming number of cases the time has now come to exclude an ex-wife's permanent right to maintenance".

A woman's right to claim he says, and it is difficult to determine where responsitive and the cause of a broken marriage lies deep in the personalities of the parties, he says, and it is difficult to determine where responsitive.

A woman's right to claim maintenance while her for-mer husband lives, often for many years, must conflict with the concept of the on the grounds for div-orce, Mr Rippon recommends that the law be amended so that the court should hold the marriage to have broken down interrievably if the equality of the sexes, the "In any case it should be remembered that the average petitioner satisfies the court that after the marriage time for remarriage of both uses after divorce is only in the region of four and a half years. The right to

breakdown the parties have lived apart for a continuous period of a year. There should be an end to the "matrimonial offence" maintenance ceases on re-marriage." With the wife's right to maintenance excluded, the paper says the courts should be more ready to divide the family assets between the spouses, and certainly once any children are grown up. At present the difficulty of recovering orders for maintenance is often immense. Croup, 240 High Holborn, "The places unfair burdens the "matrimonial offence" requirement, under which a court must be satisfied as to one of five circumstances adultery; unreasonable behaviour; desertion; living apart for two years with consent to a divorce; or recovering orders for maintenance is often immense. Croup, 240 High Holborn, "London, WCIV 7DT, £2.00.

#### CHURCHES' PLEA FOR **HOMELESS** DUE TO END

By Pat Healy, Social

churches join today in de-manding urgent government action to help single home-less people. They say rising unemployment and severe cuts in housing investment have produced a "genuine crisis" for thousands of trisis" for thousands of titizens who are both single and homeless.

The churches, in a state-

The churches, in a statement responding to the Government's recent report, Single and Homeless, are calling for extension of the right to secure accommodation in the Housing (Homeless Persons) Act to the single homeless, and for more investment in council housing programmes.

more investment in council housing programmes.
"We would remind the Secretary of State for the Environment that any Government that cuts housing investment deeply will pauperize many of its citizens, whetever also it may zens, whatever else it may achieve", the statement says. "The Government must increase resources to local authorities, particularly those in inner city areas".

The four churches, the Church of England Board for Social Responsibility, the Methodist Church Division of Methodist Church Division of Social Responsibility, the Church and Society Department of the United Reformed Church and the Catholic Housing Aid Society also want the repeal of the "intentionally homeless" provisions of the Act.

#### SITE PLANS INQUIRY

By John Young
The public inquiry into two
rival schemes for the redevelopment of the so-called Coin Street site, on London's South Bank, is expected to

end today.

The two schemes were submitted by Greycoat Commercial Estates and by the Association of Waterloo Groups, a loose federation of residents', associations, who contended that the Greycoat project, was too large and ignored local needs.

The site which associations

The site, which stretches eastward from the National Theatre towards Blackfriars Bridge, is regarded as one of the most important in London.

It was the subject of an earlier inquiry in 1979. The protagonists then were two residents' groups, the Heron Corporation and Commercial Properties Ltd. After Heron withdrew, Greycoat inter-vened, but in July, 1980, Mr. Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment, rejected all the plans.

The new inquiry officially opened on April 7 last but was adjourned after demonstrators, incensed by the decision of the Conservativecontrolled Greater London Council at the time to sell its holdings on the site to Greycoat, shouted down the inspector, Mr Victor Radmore, who postponed the inquiry until after the GLC

The inquiry finally re-opened on September 8.

# Rape questions 'justified'

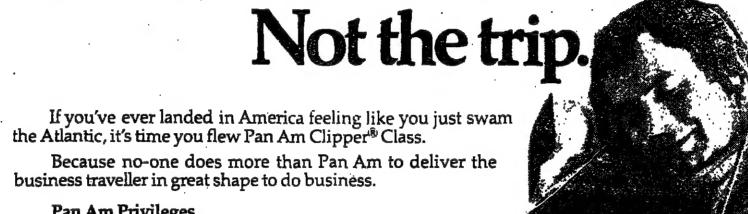
From Our Correspondent, Norwich

Norfolk police officers watching a television docuaccused of questioning a rape mentary on Thames Valley victim "like a common criminal" did their job correctly complaint, which also at the Police Complaint Beauty the Police Complaints Board tracted widespread criticism. That was revealed yester-day after the father of a Thetford girl, whose case attracted nationwide publicity when the man con trained to pick and harass to establish the truth".

licity when the man convicted of raping her was fined £2,000 at Ipswich Crown Court and not sent to prison, made the allegation.

He made it shortly after Complaints Board in London.

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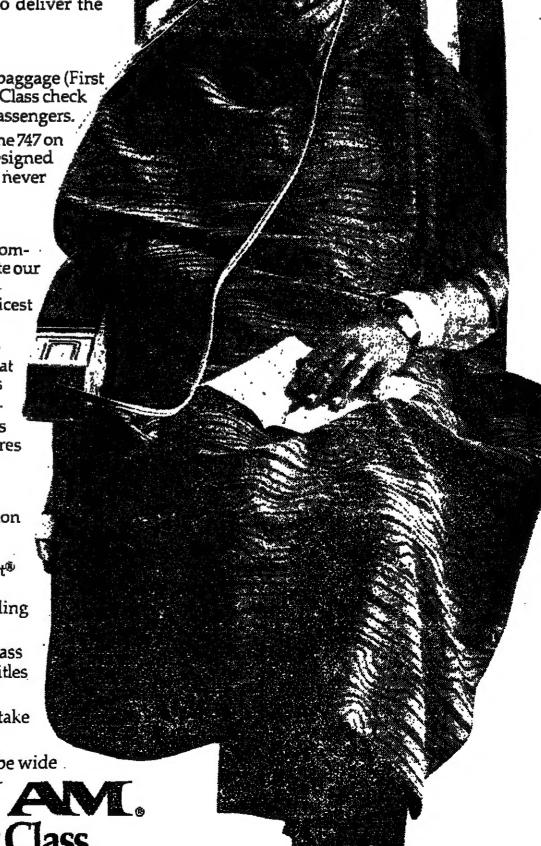
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# New Bangladesh leader helped Sattar to power

into the Cabinet.

began to move more quickly as the Army stepped de facto

into the political arena.

By Leslie Plommer

Bangladesh has been waiting week by week for a military coup, and yesterday it came. Paradoxically, Lieutenant-General Mohamad Hossain Ershad, the golfing Armmy chief who has decared himself martial law a party and kept in check.

By Leslie Plommer

Army with its opening.

As President, the sickly perceived maladministration by Dacca.

In recent days rumours of at best, another governmentic treshuffle and, at worst, a coup had become rife in decared himself martial law leader, acclaim as a military democrat only last May when he swore allegiance to the constitution after President Zia ur-Rahman was assassinated by Army elements.

his trousers and over to the the military began to open in as much public President's office to take wide. General Ershad stepped the politicians

General Ershad rose steadily who said the military's job was only to defend the national sovereignty. Any other role for them was inconceivable.

Mr Sattar and his Bangladesh National Party went on to win power in elections barely four months ago on the shoulders of the murdered Zia who founded the party and achieved the status of a near saint in his cuntry.

They fell from power because they failed to live up to the dead man's reputation and the dead man's reputation independent Bangladesh and despite his high reputation was only to defend the national sovereignty. Any other role for them was inconceivable.

General Ershad rose steadily who said the military's job was only to defend the national sovereignty. Any other role for them was inconceivable.

General Ershad evidently had other ideas. While denying that his ambition was to become President ("Could I not have walked into the day General Zia was killed?"), he argued that military assassinations and coup attempts would continue if the Army was pitched as a "distant bystander responsible only for defending the borders".

But in recent weeks events began to move more quickly section.



General Ershad: Soldier

ated by Army elements.

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over the Administration.

A former Lieutenant-Coloing by the military, and was nel in the Pakistan Army, General Ershad rose steadily who said the military's job to constitutional government at the earliest opoportunity. (Nicholas Ashford writes). In a statement issued after

the coup in Dacca the state Department said it regretted that the constitutional processes which had been rein-troduced by the late Presi-dent Zia had been overturned.

The United States had repeatedly emphasized in recent months the importance it strached to consti-tutional and democaratic government and economic development in Bangladesh.

Officials said that the coup would not effect America's economic assistance pro-gramme to Bangladesh but the situation would remain

To the horror of many politicians, President Sattar under review.

Delhi: Mr P. V. Narasimha Rao, the External Affairs Minister, told the Indian reluctantly agreed in January to set up a National Security Council including service Parliament that the situation in Bangladesh appeared to be under control (Reuter reports). India considered dechiefs
In February, under military pressure, he dismissed the entire Cabinet, citing "neglignce, corruption, irresponsibility and self-interest" among leading figures. Corruptions.

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The Press Trust of India quoted and a reduced Cabinet quoted West Bengal officials as saying the authorities in Dacca had sealed three rail and road crossings on the economy continued to foun-



Poles apart: refugees from camps in Austria disembarking from a train at Buchs, eastern Switzerland. They are the first of 1,000 who will be given asylum in Switzerland.

### Pakistani teachers defy protest ban

teachers Thousands demonstrated in the streets of Peshawar today demand-ing higher pay and shouting-"Zia ul-Ḥaq talks of Islam. We talk of not having enough to eat." They were dispersed by tear gas and by police wielding lathis (canes).

Demonstrations are banned under the martial law regime and it is a mark of the discontent felt by teachers, and others in Pakistan, that they should defy the ban and go on the streets.

The police tried to under-

From Trevor Fishlock Peshawar, March 24 The authorities said that about 100 were arrested. The teachers claimed that several hundred were held, and estimated that 25,000 took part in the protest. There were demonstrations and sitins at six or seven different places in the city.

The teachers have attracted

much public sympathy. The poorest paid earn only about £21 a month Many state schools in Pakistan have been closed for

two weeks because of a teachers' strike Last week about 20,000 demonstrated The teachers struggle seems to be purely an economic one, but politicians in the prohibited parties see it as evidence of increasing

### New Polish journalists' union registered

union was legalized today to replace the National Associ-ation of Journalists whose dissolution for being too literal was announced by the martial law authorities on

Saturday,
The Association of
Journalists of the Polish
People's Republic was formaily registered at Warsaw's
City Hall, PAP, the official
news agency said. Registration confers legal status
on the organization, which Saturday. on the organization, which has publicly dissociated itself from the "irresponsible actions of part of the leader-ship of the former association".

Mr Stefan Bratkowski, a communist reformer and chairman of the union de-

Warsaw, March 24. — A nounced the authorities' new Polish journalists' trade action as illegal when he appeared in public yesterdsay for the first time since martial law,

He told a group of Western reporters that he thought as many as 2,000 Polish journalists, about 15 per cent of the total, would lose their jobs because of their opposition to last December's military takeover.

☐ A military tribunal has sentenced Mr Franeizek Mazur, a former Solidarity member to six and a half years in porison on charges of organizing union cells in Mietec, south-west Poland and distributing leaflets "containing false informantion which could have caused public unrest

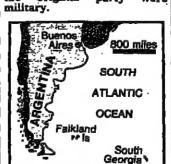
#### Navy sails to scrap. merchants

By Henry Stanbope Defence Correspondent

The Royal Navy's patrol ship HMS Endurance, was expected last night in South Georgia, the Falkland group island where a band of Argentine scrap metal entrepreneurs have made them-

selves more famous than
Steptoe and Son.
What happened next was
open to doubt, as Britain
tried to secure the removal of the island's most illegal immigrants via diplomatic channels in London and Buenos Aires. But the pres-Government plans to sell her. Between six and 10 of the landed on South Georgia at the weekend are thought to be still there, sheltering

under the Argentine flag at the disused Leith whaling station. Unconfirmed reports suggested that they were armed, because shots had been heard, and that some of the original military.



Most of the original party left, however, after protest from Britain, whose sover eignty over the Falkiand Islands has long been the subject of negotiations with Argentina.
All that the Ministry of

Defence would confirm yesterday was that HMS Endurance was in Falklands waters, and that she was ready to give assistance if required. Her armaments are light. but effective — two 20mm Oerlikon guns and two Wasp helicopters. Her 119-man complement includes prorisions for a small detach

Part of the ship's duties while on station in the south is to ferry marines betwee and Montevideo in Uraguay, which is the terminal for air transport to and from Bri-

ment of marines.

About 40 marines are stationed on the Falklands at any one time. HMS Endurance was at Port Stanley when she was diverted to South Georgia, 800 miles to the south-east. Although the Ministry of Defence was not saying anything last night, it would be surprising if some of these marines were not on board. The vessel was launched in

Denmark in 1956, but was reinforced by Harland and Wolff when Britain bought her second-hand from a Danish company in 1967. The Government decided after last year's Defence Review, however, that the annual £3m it cost to keep HMS Endurance affoat was an expense that the Defence Ministry could ill afford, and

**NEWS IN SUMMARY** 

# **Torture** trial refused

Ankara. — The Ankara martial law prosecutor refused to start legal proceed. ings against three policemen in connexion with the alleged torture of a woman political detainee under interrogation last year (Rasit Gurdilek

He ruled that apart from the claims of Miss Ayfer Arisoy, an alleged member of the leftist underground Revolutionary Road organization, there was no hard evidence to support the accusations. Recently, a Turkish Government spokesman admitted that 15 political detailers had died to be accusated. detainees had died under torture as claimed by Amnesty International

#### India criticized in hijack trial

Pietermaritzburg. — The presiding judge in the trial of 43 white alleged mercenaries charged with hijacking an Air India airliner in the Seychelles in November has criticized the Indian Government for refusing to allow

ment for refusing to allow the pilot and co-pilot to testify in South Africa.

But despite defence objec-tions, Mr Justice Neville James granted a prosecution request for testimony to be taken from the pilots and the Seychelles Director of Civil Aviation before a local judge in the Seychelles capital, Victoria. The defendants, led by Colonel Mike Hoare, face four counts under anti-hijack laws carrying sentences of five to 30 years.

#### Fire-hit liner cuts cruises

Miami. — The SS Norway the world's largest luxury ine world's largest luxury liner, will return to West Germany for dry-docking six weeks ahead of schedule, forcing cancellation of seven Caribbean cruises, officials said. Damage done last Friday in a boiler-room fire is the reason

the reason.
Cruises scheduled for this month and in April have been cancelled, affecting 12,000 booked passengers all of whom are being offered full things of the cruises. refunds or other cruises. Launched in 1960 as the SS France, it made its debut as a "floating luxury hotel" two years ago. Electrical and mechanical breakdowns have plagued it since.

#### Finnish party loses leader

Helsinki. — Mr Aarne Sasrinen, the chairman of Finland's divided Communist Party, announced his resignation and predicted sweeping leadership changes at an ence of the 3,600-ton ice patrol vessel will stregthen the campaign for keeping her deputy chairman Mr Tasso

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Sinisalo, to resign too.
The Finnish Communist Party, has been in most Governments during the past 15 years; but its Stalinist faction has opposed this and has often voted against the Government in violation of party orders. Eleven of its 35

#### Border control to be eased

Hongkong. — Sir Murray MacLehose, the Governor of Hongkong, will sign next month, on the eve of his retirement to the House of Lords, an agreement with the Chinese authorities on joint projects to diminish the few remaining restraints on traffic across the border.

The No 1 border gate at Lowu will now remain open until 9 pm instead of 5 pm additional road crossing links have been approved and regular ferry services will operate from Hongkong to tourist resorts on the Chi-

#### 20 years for ex-minister

Vienna. - Zhivko Popov the former Bulgarian deputy foreign minister, has been foreign minister, has been jailed for 20 years at a corruption trial in Sofia, the Bulgarian news agency BTA

reported.
Three other men convicted with him of financial irregularities and offences involving hard currency transactions received prison sentenes of 10 years, 15 years and 18 years the agency said. The sentences are not subject to appeal to appeal.

#### Dutch guilders for ... apartheid victims

The Hague.— The Netherlands has earmarked 1.9m guilders (£400,000) of aid for victims of apartheid and victims of apartheid and decolonization in southern Africa, the Development Cooperation Ministry announced. The African National Congress will receive 250,000 guilders of relief ald for South African Appola and refugees in Angola and Tanzania and the World Council of churches 550,000 guildes for its anti-racism programme.

French atom test Wellington. - France det underground testing site on Mururoa atoll in the South Pacific on Sunday, Endurance was put up for to New Zealand scientists sale.

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# **New Mitterrand** law rebounds on the socialists

From Charles Hargrove, Paris, March 24

its decisive victory in last was a tie, a Communist Sunday's second ballot, the Opposition has cornered nearly two thirds of the presidents of the conseills generaux, the departmental no bones of its intention of no bones of its intention of the conseills.

In the process, the Oppo-sition had become the main semi beneficiary of the Socialist Government's recent decen-tralization law, which has greatly extended their pow-ers and made them heads of the local executives in place

of the Napoleonic prefects.
Instead of 51 departmental
assemblies it held before the
last elections, the conservative Opposition now controls 58, while the left-wing majority, which held 44, has dropped to 35. As a result, the Opposition also stands to increase its control over most of the 22 regional assemblies. These are partly elected by the conseillers genraux.

Polling for them will take

Polling for them will take place on April 15. At present, the Opposition controls 13 presidencies of regional assemblies, while the Majority commands nine. But the left is almost certain to lose control of Burgundy.

right and left in five of them,

itself. M Pierre Predali, a limit the damage to the Bonapartist classified as a socialists in case of a sharp member of the opposition, swing away from the left. sided with the left today to everyone's surprise, and swung the vote in favour of a left-wing conseiller general, because as he explained, of the Majority's positive atti-

The so-called "third bal-lot" of the local elections took place today in the 95 In Correze, the electoral took place today in the 95 in Correze, the electoral departments of metropolitan france and, as expected after Gaullist leader, where there is deciring a second of the control of the con

> no bones of its intention of using its enhanced position in the departmental as-semblies as a check on the administrative action of the Government at the local level.
> But it feared as a result of
> the left's setback at the polls. a waning of the socialists' enthusiasm for decentaliza-

> M Gaston Defferre, the Interior Minister, has, how-ever, proved a good loser. "I shall not change any of my plans, for that is the law of democracy" he declared on television. "We did not win. The others won. They will profir more than us, in more departments than we, from the decentralization law. regret it, but all the better for them."

In fact, the risk of the Opposition thwarting the action of the Government at the local level is small. But the electoral fall-out in terms of regional development and the distribution of economic upper-Normandy, and aid is substantial, and will franche-Come.

There was uncertainty until the very last minute as to which way some conseils generaux would swing, because there was a tie between right and left in five of them. instead of first-pass-the-post as at present, because President Mitterrand is committed and in that case, the presidency goes to the doyen d'age, the oldest member.

In the department of Corsica, always a law unto Corsica, always a law unto convinced him that PR would limit the damage to the Public opinion has been strangely slow to appreciate the historic significance of today's, break with at least three centuries of centraliza-

#### 14% farm price rise likely

From George Clark Strasbourg, March 24

The battle between con-sumer interests and Europe's farmers, who want higher prices in 1982-83 than either the EEC Commission or the Council of Ministers is prepared to accept, was trans-ferred to the European Parliament in Strasbourg

today.

As the debate on the price proposals developed it was clear that all national and party groups were split on the issue, but that a majority will vote tomorrow in favour tural committee recommen-dation that the average increase should be 14 per

This will be a slap in the face for the commission, which has prepared an elaboration of the commission. orate scheme to limit the average rise to 9 per cent. Outside the chamber there

was no great demonstration of the kind seen in Paris on Tuesday. The farmers were active in a more subtle way. As each MEP and visitor arrived for the debate they were presented with a free back of Alexan with a free bottle of Alsace wine and a propaganda sheet appealing to the Parliament to turn down the agricultural com-mittee's figure and substitute a 16.3 per cent recommended

a 16.3 per cent recommended increase.

The Committee of Agricultural Organizations of the EEC, which organized the wine distribution, said that European farmers' incomes had fallen by 25 per cent in the past three years.

They said the 16.3 per cent increase would be in line with the rise in average costs over the year, but MEPs from Ireland said their farmers had to meet exceptionally high costs and, using the criteria applied to French criteria applied to French farmers, they should get a 27

per cent increase.

Sir Richard Butler, President of the National Farmers Union, who was with the European farmers giving out the free wine, said before the debate: "We absolutely support the demand for a revaluation of the green pound or in Euro currencies. pound or in Euro currencies, if this has an adverse effect on farmers' incomes."

### Spain rules out sprees on Rock

From Richard Wigg Madrid, March 24

Spain does not intend to allow its citizens to go on spending sprees after the frontier with Gibraltar,

frontier with Gibraltar, closed since 1969 reopens as scheduled on April 20.

A Foreign Ministry spokeman today denied that this was one of the themes discussed at the 30-minute meeting on the Gibraltar issue between Senor Jose Pèrez Llorca, the Spanish Foreign Minister, and Lord Carrington, the Foreign Secretary, in Brussels yesterday. But the spokesman indicated, the Government's intention to keep Spaniards' purchases in Gibraltar to levels con-

in Gibraltar to levels con-sidered normal by Spanish Customs officials.

"We are not going to open the frontier to make things easy for the smugglers", he

said.

The two ministers discussed, the opening of high-level diplomatic talks in Sintra near Lisbon in Portugal, simultaneously with the reopening of the frontier as agreed by the Spanish and British Prime Ministers in London in January.

London in January.

The Spanish authorities are worried at the prospect of Spaniards travelling to Gibraltar to buy radio sets and transistors, tape recorders, and other electronic equipment subject to high duties in Spain

This would particularly hit Spain's own duty-free zones in the North African enclaves of Ceuta and Melilla. Madrid has been under pressure from business interests alarmed at a further threat to the future of these enclaves as well as from the political right which accused it of coming to the rescue of Gibraltar in its economic

difficulties by agreeing to reopen the frontier The ministry spokesman said that "normal" purchases of cigarettes and such items would not encounter any difficulties from the Customs, but duties would be levied on level

purchases. He suggested that regu-lations might be relaxed after six months or a year.

# China opts for cremation

From David Bonavia, Hongkong, March 24

people sweep their ancestors' graves and burn paper offerings, has been pinpointed by the Communist Party as a Peasants are being urged time when feudal and super-

into open fighting when there are disputes about the title to grave sites among the preferring to be buried with peasants. The authorities expensive ceremonies. have issued a warning against the stoking of such feuds by of Xinjiang, ethnic Chinese clan elders, the manufacture

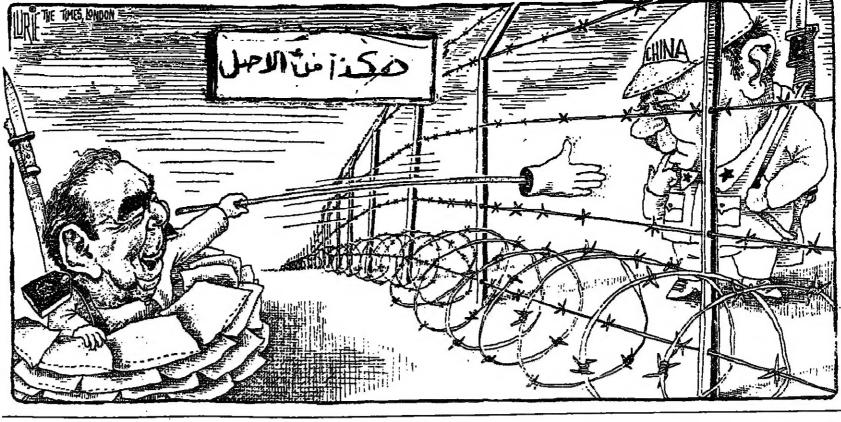
A campaign is under way The impending "festival of A campaign is under way the dead" in China, when in some provinces to persuade people to let them-

not to waste crop-growing stitious customs disturb social order and must therefore be curbed.

Social order and must therefore be curbed. China, clan feuds may turn claimed, have failed to set a good example by allowing themselves to be cremated, preferring to be buried with expensive ceremonies.

settlers are exhorted to accept cremation; but the of paper dragons and the accept cremation; but the burning of ritual paper money at the festival, known in Chinese as Qing Ming.

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# Amnesty claimed in Tshombe hijack trial

From Harry Debelius, Madrid, March 24

The trial of Francis Boden-ham accused of hijacking the aircraft which carried Moise Tshombe, the late Congolese politician, to imprisonment and death began in Palma de Mallorca today, with a demand from the prosecution for a 20-year sentence for the defendant.

Mr Tshombe's last flight began on the Spanish Medi-terranean island of Ibiza on

The trial, before a military court, aroused considerable

interest because of sus-picions of international in-trigue. M Bodenan, a Frenchman, aged 48, said in pre-trial

Mallorca. The aircraft landed exile in Spain, and was instead in Algiers, where he suspected of planning to was arrested. Two years later make a third try to seize he died in an Algerian prison, it is said, from a heart attack. Katanga province

The aircraft was owned by Gregory Air Service, a British company, and its pilots were Mr Trevor Coppleton and Mr David Taylor, two British men. In addition to Mr Tshombe and Mr Bodenan, the passengers included two Belgian men and a Belgian woman and two Spanish men.

M Bodenan's lawyer argued that his client should be acquitted, claiming that the hijacking occurred outside Spanish air space. He also said that if the charge is not dismissed, his client should be freed under the terms of the amnesty for political offunders granted by King Juan Carlos on October 15,

The Frenchman has been in the provincial prison at Palma since the end of 1979, after his extradition

#### Disease blamed on E Germans

March 24. - With 2,600 for not giving earlier warning. The Danish Agricultural Ministry said that with earlier warning "we might have been able to limit the spread social scientist, said. of the disease".

In East Germany travel to six north-eastern districts to retain workers because has been banned because of the disease.

# Japanese robots create new jobs

From Peter Hazelhurst Tokyo, March 24

A big Japanese trade union has found that few workers have lost their jobs since the widespread introduction of industrial robots and automated equipment

However, a survey by the Industrial Metal Workers' Union indicates that middle-aged and elderly workers have suffered from stress

when they were retrained
The survey, which
examined the effects of
automation in 154 companies
in the steel and machine equipment sector, shows that

equipment sector, show and it vounger workers found it easier to adjust to retraining. Union officials also found that automation in the clerical sectors of industry has created a need for more personnel."

personnel".

Automation had led 10 dismissal or voluntary redundancies in only four of the 154 companies. "This was achieved because, in contrast to the structure of trade unions in the West, each Japanese company has its cattle, sheep and pigs in Japanese company has its Denmark already destroyed after seven outbreaks of footand-mouth disease, East Germany was blamed today for not giving earlier warn-line. The Denish Agricultural.

The survey indicates that most industrialists were able

# Given more time to think, an office clerk could come up with the odd original idea.

In 1905, a young clerk in the Swiss Civil Service, a man with a mediocre academic record, wrote a paper which was to become known

as the Special Theory of Relativity. Albert Einstein had learnt to

think. His method was to hold the problem of the moment in his mind relentlessly and without distraction.

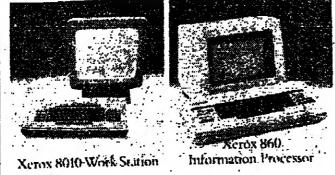
One way he achieved this was by never bothering to commit facts to memory. He felt it would clutter his mind, needlessly. There were better uses, he thought, for the human brain.

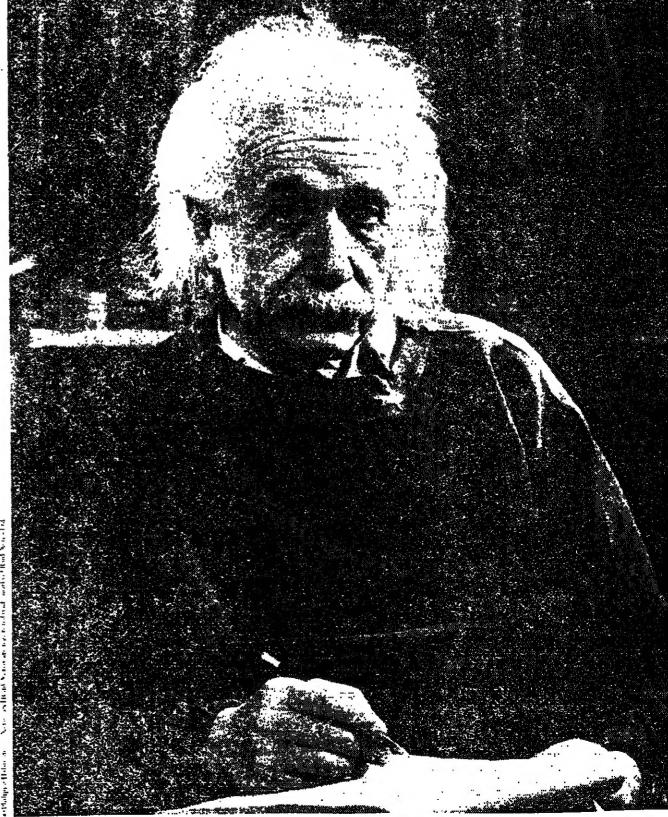
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From Piers Akerman, Houston, March 24

Colonel Jack Lousma and less taxing. The main event is Colonel Charles Fullerton the insect motion experiment were given an extra hour's to be carried out for an action of the colone who is a charlest who charlest who is a charlest who charlest w

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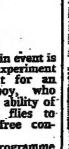
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with faeces without clogging the system. If the unit cannot better last night but they be repaired the astronauts will have to defacate into a bag placed into a commode and dispose of them in the shuttle's waste stowing sys-

tem.

The breakdown may be related to the motion sickness the two astronauts have reported. Colonel Lousma is the most seriously affected but both men are being treated. Mr Tom Holloway, the flight director at the Johnson Space Centre in Houston, today refused to discuss the nature of the

Officials of the National Aeronauics and Space Administration (Nasa) decided



sleep today to compensate for a strenuous day's activities yesterday but they awoke to more problems on board the space shuttle Columbia.

The most pressing and distressing problem was the failure of the shuttle's lavatory which Colonel Lousma, the mission commander, discovered soon after awakening.

In the gravity-free atmosphere of space the astronauts to gravity-free out of these moths and flies to ditions.

The original programme planned for today includes extensive operations of the Columbia's remote-controlled manipilator arm, which was plasma-measuring package in the atmosphere above the shuttle's cargo bay.

again reported receiving in-terference on their radio circuit as they flew over Iran and China. Mr Holloway said

#### **NEWS IN** SUMMARY

#### MX missile loses cash vote

An important Senate armed services subcommittee has unanimously recommended nearly halving the Reagan Administration's request for 1983 spending on the contro-versial MX missile. (Mohsin

Ali writes).
The strategic and theatre nuclear forces subcommittee yesterday voted 9-0 behind closed doors to cut about \$2,000m (£1.100m) from the \$4,300m requested for de-ployment of the first nine missiles and for research and nt. The sub-co mittee does not want to kill the MX but it is refusing to advance any more money to build MXs or prepare existing Minuteman silos to house them temporarily until Presi-dent Reagan decides where he wants to put the new 10-warhead intercontinental warhead intercontinental ballistic missile. The recommendation has

to go before the Senate armed services committee

#### Nato rejects nuclear freeze

Colorado Springs. — Nato defence ministers held a final session of talks that have strongly reaffirmed their resistance to what they see as Soviet efforts to block the alliance's nuclear moderniza-

Informed conference sources said the 13 officials, in their two days of talks, unanimously dismissed as propaganda President Brezhnev's announcement last week freezing deployment of SS-20 missiles west of the Urals.

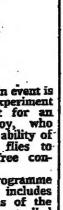
#### **Improved offer** to islanders

The British Government has made a considerable improvement in its compensation offer to about 900 families who were evicted from the Chagos archipelago in the Indian Ocean about 17 years ago to make way for a joint British-American de-

fence base.
A Foreign Office spokes man said that the original offer of £1.25m had been increased during current talks in Mauritius between the islanders and a small team of British negotiators. He added that the new offer did not go as far as the £8m being sought by the islanders.

# Congo blast "killed 15"

former head of state, in March, 1977, and the jailing of President Joachim Yhombi Opango in 1979.



The separator, known as a singer, is driven by an electric motor which has apparently overloaded. The unit now has a slower speed but it is not capable of coping with faeces without clogging.

The setronauts sleet much

the interference appeared to be coming into the shuttle's circuit's on the UHF fre-quency commonly used by aircraft.

It was speculated earlier that the interference may have come from Soviet single-side band over the horizon radar but Nasa officials now say it was definitely UHF signal.

The officials are confident that Columbia will complete a full seven-day flight during its third mission in space.
"We all would like to have to substitute tomorrow's the spacecraft about perfect, activities for those scheduled for today in order to give the astronauts a lighter work load.

Tomorrow's programme is the spacecraft about perfect, but considering this is the third time Columbia has astronauts a lighter work load.

Tomorrow's programme is the spacecraft about perfect, but considering this is the third time Columbia has as we can expect," Mr Holloway said. the spacecraft about perfect,

# Cricket tour is likely,

Gandhi says By Our Foreign Staff The Indian cricket tour of

The Indian cricket tour of England is likely to go ahead this summer, Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, hinted yesterday.

Asked whether the Indian test side would be allowed to visit Britain after the imposition of a three-year ban on the "rebel" English players now in South Africa, she replied: "I don't think there will be any poblem."

Shortly before, at a press conference, she bad been more evasive, saying that the

"Friendly African countries feel strongly about this subject," she added. Cricket, she explained with a smile was not a subject about which she knew much, having never played it herself.

Mr Gandhi, who is half-way through her British tour, accused the Western press of "double standards" in report-

"double standards" in report-ing on issues such as Afgha-nistan compared with its treatment of events in Latin America and some African countries where she said, outside interference weas taking place.

India did not regard the

Soviet presence in Afghanistan as an invasion, as the Russians had been invited by the Afghan Government. However, she was firmly opposed to foreign interference or subversion

Later Mrs Gandhi Later Mrs Gandhi spent more than an hour talking with 30 British intellectuals over cups of tea and coffee at Claridges. They met her in small groups and talked about a wide range of subjects. But an Indian High Commission spokesman would not disclose details saying that "It was an off-the-record occasiion."



# Guatemalan junta dissolves Congress

rulers, who took power in an apparently bloodless coup yesterday, have abolished Congress and suspended the constitution. A junta, led by Brigadier-General Efrain Rios Montt, promised to guarantee peace and security in a country where more than 4,000 are believed to have died in political violence

in the past two years.

General Rios Montt also called on the guerrillas to lay down their arms, and warned "if you don't, we will take them away from you. We will the away from you. shoot anyone who breaks the law". An Army spokesman said that any intended violence on their part would be "immediately and drastically repressed". The officers staged the

Guatemala City, March 24. coup because, they said, the radio and television last and he was still waiting for night, as about 2,000 heavily the situation to be clarified.

However, administration officials have expressed causes the national Palace began to officials have expressed causes.

"manipulated by a corrupt windraw.—Reuter.

General Romeo Lucas Washington: Government officials have adopted a waitent, had been ordered out of the country, General Rios Montt said. There was no official news about General Anibal Guevara, the President-elect; who won the March 7 elections, and was due to assume nower in July. due to assume power in July. A report from the American Embassy said that Mr Frederic Chapin, the Ambassador, and left-wing parties will be had talked to General Gueva- allowed to participate in the ra, who was safe.

officials have adopted a wairand-see attitude to the new
Guatemalan junta (Nicholas
Ashford writes). They particularly want to know
whether the military junta
will be expanded to include
civilians, what the "reforms"
promised by General Rios
Montt will entail, and
whether social democratic
and left-wing parties will be
Rios Montt, that the political
leanings of the coup leaders
may not be as far to the right
as originally feared.

General Rios Montt promised to restore authentic
democracy. He said elections
of overnment; but gave no
date, and promised to unveil
a programme of reforms event of new elections being

held. Commenting on the coup,

tious optimism, based on remarks made by General Rios Montt, that the political

resume aid to Guatemala because, in Mr Haig's view, it General Rios, Montt, who stood unsuccessfully for the Christian Democrats in the 1974 presidential election, made his first address on held.

Commenting on the coup, is "the next target" after El Salvador for Cuban and Nicaraguan-backed insurgents operating in Central America.

# Reading the entrails of the coup

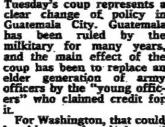
In times gone by, a military coup in Guatemala clear change of policy in would have been dismissed as one more manifestation of the chronic instability of a small Central American country, and would have received little attention from the outside world.

Tuesday's coup was differing the desired and the main effect of the coup has been to replace an elder generation of army officers by the "young officers" who claimed credit for it.

ent, however, because it took place at a time of turmoil throughout the region, and because Guatemala, the most populous of the Central American states, is seen by the Reagan Administration as along a hour pole in its playing a key role in its attempt to stem the tide of

Britain is concerned, too, because of the continuing Guatemalan claim to Belize. more evasive, saying that the decision "is not entirely in my hands", and that the issue was "ticklish".

Belize became independent last year, but some 1,400 British troops had to remain there, to deter a Guatemalan invasion. The British Government of the second library and library has ship to withdraw them.



be either good or bad news. It would be bad if the driving force behind the coup cam from the extreme right, and if it led to even more violent repression agains the left-wing guerrillas in the countryside.

The fact that the leaders of the coup were obviously would also be a bad precetrying to appeal to members of the National Liberation Salvador, where elections for Movement (MLN) suggests a constituent assembly is due that this may be the case. The MLN is on the far right are frequent rumours of a of Guatemalan politics, and right-wing coup in El Salvador, which would be a control would make ti more further setback for Washing-It is not clear yet whether difficult for the Reagan ton.



support for helping the new

There is, however, another interpretation of the Guate-malan coup. It is that the officers who staged it were concerned about the growing strength of the guerrillas, and took the view that it was

and took the view that it was important to repair relations with Washington, so that they could get the assistance they needed.

Relations with Washington have been cool since the days of the Carter Administration, when arms sales were cut off because of abuses of human rights in Guatemala. The Reagan Administration would like to improve re-Reagan Administration would like to improve re lations, but the obvious fraud in the March 7 elections

exchange for the aid.



Under new management: General Efrain Rios Montt (centre), the president of the junta which seized power in Guatemala on Tuesday, announcing the dissolution of Congress. He is flanked by General Horacio Maldonado (left) and Colonel Francisco Gordillo.

#### Sir Ranulph has to go forward backwards By Nicholas Timmins

Transglobe expedition to the Morth Pole, needs to make 15 miles a day to reach the North Pole has run into fresh trouble. It is having to go backwards to go forwards.

The expedition's London headquarters said that the headquarters said that the past week it has mildest Arctic winter on record has left the two-man team of Sir Ranulph and

team of Sir Ranulph and Charles Burton almost the pilot, who worked out the backwards and sideways that the pulot, who worked out the backwards and sideways route now needed, estimated that the detour would take that the detour would take three to four days. "They are going to be very pushed to make it now by having to head 10 miles south in precisely the wrong direction, in order then to head west and eventually northwest, back towards the Pole. Even then, its problems are

Paris. — An explosion in a Brazzaville cinema at the weekend was a terrorist balst which killed 15 people and not five as officially reported, a telephone caller, claiming to be of the "Patriotic Armed Group of the Congo".

The caller said his group wanted clarification of the murder of Marien Ngouabi, former head of state, in March, 1977, and the jailing of President loachim Yhombi

Fiennes's North Pole, needs to make 15 In the past week it has averaged only nine miles a day. The expedition head-quarters said yesterday that the pilot, who worked out the

reaching it.

The expedition, currently the horizon from Alert is some 325 miles from the open water".

#### El Salvador election

# Vote is rigged, candidate says

From Paul Ellman, San Salvador, March 24

figures which rules El Salva-Major D'Aubuisson alleged that the Christian Democrats

has thrown at President

the capital. He was an outspoken opponent of figure human rights miolations in El dor. Salvador.

A Mass to honour the memory of Mr Romero today at the cathedral was can-hors

celled because his successor, acting Archbishop Arturo Riera Damas, said he feared a large concentration of people could provoke political viol-

Major D'Aubuisson's last Duarte has stuck will be meeting was held in the known only when the results National Gymnasium, an of the election are released, auditorium which took on all

A right-wing leader, who has made much of the Sportspalast beloved by the running in El Salvador's election campaign has added further to the tension here by claiming that the results of next Sunday's election have been rigged in advance.

The accusation was levelled by Major Roberto D'Aubaisson, a former Intelligence officer who heads the National Republican Alliance (Arena), at the closing meeting of his party's campaign.

The meeting was held on the eve of the second amiversary of the murder of Archbishop Oscar Romero during a mass at a convent in the capital. He was an intelligence of the capital to congress, and even that with the capital the aspects of the Berlin Soon and his party have decided to guard against the possibility of their defeat by claiming that there could be a "fraud" on Sunday to ensure that the Christian Democrats on the decided to guard against the possibility of their defeat by claiming that there could be a "fraud" on Sunday to ensure that the Christian Democrats of the maximo lider (the "great of the Major D'Aubuisson is said to eajoy, the support of a number of jumior officers in Napoleon Darte, heads the funta of civilian and military

to enjoy the support of a number of junior officers in number of junior officers in the security forces. The high command, particularly General Joé Garcia, the poweful Defence Minister, is understood to be hoping for a Christian Democratic victory as this would ensure the continuing flow of United States military aid.

An added embarrassment facing the United States in the event of a victory by were in reality stalking horses for the left-wing guerrillas of the Parabundo Marti national liberation movement, who have vowed to disrupt Sunday's election.

How much of the mud he has thrown

the event of a victory by Major D'Aubuisson is that he was deported from the United States last year after illegally entering Tension on West Bank

# Three more Arabs killed by Israelis

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem, March 24

week. Another Arab youth stone-throwing crowd.
was killed by Israeli gunfire in the Gaza Strip:

stone-throwing crowd.

The killings took place during the sixth consecutive

was killed by Israeli gunfire in the Gaza Strip:
In Today's incident with the most serious implications, a 17-year-old Palestinian named as Farhan Khadur was shot by Jewish civilians, presumed to have come from the largest West Bank settlement, Kiryat Arba. The settlement of concrete, high-rise buildings looks down upon Hebron, a cith holy to both Jews and

Arabs.
An Israeli military source said that the settlers opened fire after their vehicle had been attacked by stone-throwing demonstrators from Bani Na'im, the Arab village closest to the settlement. The Bail Na'im, the Arab village closest to the settlement. The source said that three of the Jews had been injured in the stone-throwing, which began after Arabs had blocked the road with barricades of blazing tyres and rubble.

The official Israeli military

account of the incident said that the Jewish civilians had opened fire in self defence, hitting the youth in the

The killing came only 24 hours after another West bank settler, Mr Natan Natanson, was remanded by the Jerusalem magistrates court in connexion with the fatal shooting last week of another Arab teenager who was alleged to have taken part in a similar stone-throw-ing protest near the settlement of Shiloh. Police allege that Mr Natanson, aged 37, had committed premeditated murder.
The shootings have raised

a serious question mark over the powers of the settlers, most of whom carry sub-machine guns or rifles when outside their fortified settle-

In today's other fatal shooting, a 22-year-old Arab was killed in the occupied town of Jenin. According to closely watching Israeli officers, he was shot ments and hoped dead after he stabbed a not grow worse. member of a patrol who saw

Two more young Palestinians were shot dead by israelis in the occupied West Bank today, bringing to four the number of Arabs killed Rafah in the Gaza Strip a since the dismissal of the Elbirch town Council last dead by soldiers dispersing a

day of widespreaad unrest and violence throughout the occupied territories. Shortly before news of them was made public, radical Palestinian leaders called for the general strike to be extended Tel Aviv. Israeli forces thrust across their northern frontiers this morning and thwarted the first attempted overland terrorist infiltration since December, 1980, according to the military command here (Moshe Bril-

command nere (Moste Brilliant writes).

Three armed Arabs were encircled in mountainous brush and gave up without a fight, it was stated.

Military sources said the attempted incursion was a violation of the suspension of hostilities agreement of July

violation of the suspension of hostilities agreement of July 24 mediated by Mr Philip Habib. President Reagan's special envoy.

An Israeli patrol south of the electronically monitored frontier fence, detected the figures advancing toward the border this morning north of Hanita, a kibbuts on the Mediterranean flank of the frontier. They passed through a gate in the fence to territory controlled by Israel's Lebanese slies, the militia commanded by Major Sa'ad Haddad, and set out after the men.

after the men.

They traced them to their hide-out, surrounded them and called to them to surrender. The Arabs emerged carrying Kalashnikov assault

rifles.

Cairo: A leading adviser to President Mubarak today urged Israel to show self restraint in the West Bank to give a chance to a negotiated settlement of the Arab-Israeli

Mr Osama el-Baz, director of Mr Mubarak's political bureau, said Egypt was closely watching the developments and hoped they would

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### Phone tap scandal in Greece

From Mario Modiano -Athens, March 24

The public prosecutor of Athens has ordered an invesrigationinto the tapping of a classified telephone in the home Vice-Admiral Odyseas Kapetos who just resigned as naval chief of staff after a over senior Navy appointments.
The case took on strong

political overtones as sthe security men traced the tapping to the vacant flat of a conservative former deputy who once lived across the street from the Admiral. The pro-government press has described the affair as a

"Greek Watergate", but Mr Evanghelos Averopp, the leader of the conservative opposition, rejedted the inopposition, rejected the insinuations as a ploy to
mislead the official inquiry.
"This is an issue of national
character," he said.
The top security telephone
was installed in the Admiral's
flat shortly after the Socialist

Government appointed him chief of the Greek naval staff

in January.

The tapping was discovered five weeks ago, but nothing was said. Security experts found a twin line leading to the rented flat of Mr George Papadopoulos, a New Democracy former MP who, after his defeat in last October's election no longer recides in election, no longer resides in

Although a discreet in-

Although a discreet inquiry was set up, news of the affair was leaked in the conservative press yesterday, just as Admiral Kapetos's resignation was accepted by the Government.

The Admiral had clashed violently with the Government after it refused to reatify reassignment of senior naval officers approved by the Supreme Naval Council under his chairmanship.

Sources said the Government particularly insisted on naming a naval officer to the sensitive post of director of naval personnel. The council had rejected it probably because the officer's father-in-law had been an extreme left wing politician.

left wing politician.

The Government asked Admiral Anastasos Robotis, who was next in seniority to take over as chief, but he too insisted that the council's appointments should be respected.

The Government then took the unprecedented step to Conference and many senior in the council's the unprecedented step to Conference and many senior.

the Government then took the unprecedented step to purge three admirals and make way for Rear-Admiral Nikos Pappas who was promoted to vice-admiral and appointed chief of the Navy general staff yesterday.

Admiral Pappas who was suptain of the destroyer valos a the time of the abortive Navy revolt against the Greek junta in June 1973, took his ship out of a Nato manoeuvre and into Naples where he and his men obtained political asylum. took his ship out of a Nato manoeuvre and into Naples where he and his men obtained political asylum.

speak out against anni-seme tism. The obscenity of anti-semitism and racism and have no part in the national dialogue.

# 10,000 decry award to Reagan

From Christopher Thomas New York, March 24

To everybody's astonishment, at least 10,000 people took to the streets of central New York last night—to protest about a humanitarian award being presented to President Reagan at the

The participants, mostly young and peaceful, carried banners objecting to almost every espect of Mr. Reagan's economic and international policies. In particular, they were appalled that he should be regarded as humanitarian.

At the ceremony Mr. Reagan insisted that the facts proved he cared about the needy. "Today I am accused by some of trying to destroy government's commitment to compassion and to the needy. Does this bother me? Yes He said he was attempting to slow down the destructive rate of growth in taxes and spending and to prome neo-essential programmes so that enough was left for the truly

needy.

By the time he delivered the speech, the crowd had largely dispersed but the organizers, the Coalinos to Roll Back Reaganism, were jubilajnt. They had expected no more than a few thousand protesters, but now they did high expectations for a demonstration planned for Washington on Saturday.

The New York demonstration was impressive enough as was impressive enough and Mr Reagan to depart from his prepared text. "Yes, that will at times be disagreement. over the path we should take", he said. "But cannot

take", he said. "But cannot such a dialogue be carried out with decency and understanding without a tone of hatred?"

He was presented with the Charles Evans Hughes gold medal for "courageous leadership in government, civic and humanitarian affairs," by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, which was formed in 1929 to combat bigotry, particularly and Roman Catholic feelings.

His presence at the \$250 a head dinner was the latest in a series of appearances

caused dissension within the conference and many senior officials dissociated them selves from it. An "alternative award dinner" consisting of cheese and ketchup was organized by some of them at a university campus, near by President Reagan used his speech to fulfil a containment he made in November to leaders of American Jewish organizations to speak out against anti-senior

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From Bauhaus to **Our House** By Tom Wolfe (Cape, £6.95)

Architecture is the most inescapable of the higher arts, just as cookery is at a humbler level. One cannot live and work in the open all the time nowadays, just as one cannot subsist on nuts and berries. Tom Wolfe, continuing in this book the assault on modernism begun The Painted Word, is touching a universally sensi-tive nerve. Ghastly painting can be avoided without too

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# Romantic crying Wolfe

nently perhaps at the lower end of Park Avenue, with buildings by Gordon Bun-shaft from the Lever building onwards and culminating in the Seagram building of

Mies. In America the intended victims of most of the new architecture were not the workers of Mitteleuropa but the middle-class-class. As it turned out they had other

in The Painted Word, is touching a universally sensitive nerve. Ghastly painting can be avoided without too much difficulty; ghastly buildings one may find oneself living in.

Broadly speaking From Bauhaus to our. House is set out historically. It starts with battered Europe after the first World War, defenceless before the visionaries who would cover the world with repetitious glass boxes: Gropius, Le Corbusier, Mics van der Rohe. Their passionate detestation of "bourgeois" comfort and ornamentation, of the cosy and the fruity, ballooned into great castles of theory and, more gradually, with the help of socialist municipalities here and there, into practice, that is to say, rectangular dwellings for reluctant workers.

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Into practice, that is to only the welfare people for reluctant workers.

Shoved into "projects" and Young American architects the very rich, terrorized by were intoxicated with this wonderful way of ignoring the wishes of clients. Henry Russell Hitchcock and Philip Johnson made in the street of the work in them. Eventually some apostasy breaks out. Edward Durell Stone, influenced by a fiery Latin wife, puts curves and fretting into the H. Hartford Gallery at Columbus Circle and Saarinen forsakes rectangularity at the TWA terminal at Kennedy. They are anathematized. Venturi talks of disloyalty but his pressive is etill orthodox practice is still orthodox. Explicit purism returns with the "Whites" or New York Five. Philip Johnson, one of the old pioneers, designs a building for A.T.&T. that looks like a music stand of the time of Napoleon.

Tom Wolfe first came to notice as a dandy, revelling in his exact and detailed linguistic immersion in the antics of the newly fashionable. When he trained his particular magnifying glass on what he baptised as Radical Chic it was clear he

building on a large scale, the was doing more than mock-new architecture began to ing a fashionable fatuity; this leave its mark, most emi-stance was closer to Juvenal stance was closer to Juvenal than E. F. Benson. Now he has come out, for all his white suits and up-to-dateness, his generally cool selfpresention, as a nativist, a protector of culture made by Americans - against - servility to imports, hard-sold through the high-pressure salesman's patter of theoretical rubbish. in the book's very first sentence, which begins "O beautiful, for spacious skies,

for amber waves of grain.", a Whitmanesque note is sounded which recurs plangently from time to time. What could be closer to "Song of Myself" than "Our "singers and the services of the serv visionary avant-gardists! Rockefellers, Goodyears, Sullivans and Blisses! O oilmen, lumber men, dry-goods jobbers and wives!" Back to before 1914 is the underlying principle. It has not proved possible to keep them down on the farm, now that they've seen Paree. The old native ways are dramatized in an angry confrontation between Frank Lloyd Wright, last of the great pre-modernists, and

Tom Wolfe's method calls

for drama and personaliza-tion. This book, like its predecessor on painting, is hostile to theory and his ways with theory are per-functory to the point of frivolousness. But his heart is an admirable place on the is an admirable place on the whole. One would, however, need to be very deeply committed to the democratic myth to share the shock he feels at an architect's re-mark: "We are asked to take seriously the architectural taste of real-estate speculators, renting agents, and mortgage brokers!" Also he does tend to run together things that are not necess arily connected. The dreadful hives of much public housing are one thing; "functiona-lism" another. Only the fact that public housing has to be cheap and that modernist buildings can be brings them together. Modernist architecture is essentially dehumaniz-ing; its "striated heaps" are in principle indifferent to the surroundings. But it is only accidentally tyrannous. And surely much of it is rather fine. The human can be all

too human **Anthony Quinton** 



The Reunion of the Soul and the Body by William Blake from Robert Blair's The Grave, edited and introduced by Robert N. Essick and Morton D. Paley (Scolar, £45), the first full publication of this important series of engravings and drawings...

Nor shall the conscious soul Mistake its partner; but amidst the crowd Singling its other half, into its arms Shall rush, with all th' impatience of a man That's new come home, and, having long been absents, With haste runs over every different room, In pain to see the whole. Thrice happy meeting! Nor time, nor death, shall ever part them more!

# Dear Old Bill

The Politics of Change By William Rodgers

perienced as Roy Jenkins, as domestic conflict, where his handsome as David Owen; appeal is to "goodhearted but he comes with less and liberal-minded people". baggage than any of them. The fault in today's society Shirley Williams brings her lies, according to Rodgers, in own conscience. Jenkins his different sections not underclaret. Owen his charisma, standing the other's point of All three, their wretched, view. It's the Ovalting and public agonizing. But not our digestive biscuits approach to Bill. He is authentic, long-politics which, in the end, standing social democrat, in will be the downfall of the the Labour Party for years simply because, then, he had nowhere else to go. Ever since the 1962 Party conference when he ostentatiously sat through the standing ovation after Hugh Gaitskell's triumphant anti-Common Market speech, Rodgers has been an isolated

figure (even Jenkins stood up). "Charlie, all the wrong people are cheering." Dora Gaitskell was heard to remark (to Charlie Panuell) as the applause died down. It was not just the left who were cheering: but many on the right, too. Anti-marketeers like Douglas Jay, and those like Denis Healey and im Callaghan for whom the EEC had never been a great issue of principle.
For Rodgers, the Common Market was, and is, a subject of his considerable passion and idealism. No single issue lies more behind the SDP

split than this one. Rodgers hints at this when he writes that the "internal developments in the Labour Party in the eighteen mouths following its defeat in May, 1979, determined the manner and timing of the break, but they were not its root cause Curiously, however, there is no chapter in this book about the Common Market, nor Rodgers's international vision. Nor is there a chapter on his other passion, defence, and the case for nuclear weapons. All one is left with here is a strange contrast between Rodgers's view of relations between states, and those between classes. On international conflict, Rodgers is a thorough-going hawk, on dom-

estic conflict, a wishy-washy pacifist. "I see no prospect of converting the nations to a world in which war is not an ultimate instrument of pol-(Weidenfeld & Nicolson, f7.95)

Bill Rodgers would be my candidate as leader of the SDP. He may not be as nice approach to defence be as Shirley Williams, as ex-domestic candidate as Roy Lenkins as domestic candidate.

> It is on incomes policy that this book is most revealing. There is a serious discussion about the post-war experi-ence, and an interesting reminder that, in the late forties, it was the Bevanite left who were pushing for an incomes policy, and not the right. But where does Rodg-ers stand in all this? I had always thought that the SDP stood for an explicit, formal incomes policy, backed by Richard Layard's inflation tax on employers — and against Labour's approach of national economic assessment". But Rodgers seems to take a wholly different view. The inflation tax is written off in four lines. He does not 'rule out the idea" but it does not provide a short-cut through incomes policy" (I thought that was the whole point) and "could restrict the flexibility of settlements to the disadvantage of efficient firms". Exactly. And what does Rodgers put in pride of place in his incomes policy? You may have guessed. "A joint economic assessment of the immediate and medium term prospects . . . of the country involving the TUC and the CBI' Moreover, "the policy must be based on a large measure of consent". If the SDP cannot agree about incomes policy, which is supposed to be the jewel in their crown, on what will they be able to develop a common and credible platform? It is a question Rodgers neither asks nor answers.

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# Poetry

"The poem," says the poet, "is concerned with language on a very plain level". An unremarkable statement. But the poet saying it is John Ashbery, master of that New York school which flirts with nonsense, delights all fans of the difficult and the obscure, eschewing any kind of clear subject matter. Ashbery's friends and disciples throw words at the page much in the manner of Jackson Pollock hurling paint at a canvas, with results about as interesting as the average Rorschach test. I think it worth insisting that Ashbery himself has another dimension. The content of his work may be elusive, but the structures have grown in-creasingly formal, even beautiful. The fifty poems collected in Shadow Train (Carcanet, £3.25) are each of them sixteen-lines long, governed by immediately distinctive and memorable rhythms, and above all possessed by a sense of humour which makes even their most hermetic moments agreeably modest. Ashbery has been compared with Wallace Stevens, hailed even as a "philosophical" thinker. I regard this as a serious misrepresentation of his gifts. An English reader is more likely to be reminded of more likely to be reminded of Edward Lear: there is a similar manic despair inform-ing his jokes and inventions, and the tension between that concern with language on a very plain level and the hectic refusal to come clean about whatever it is that pricks him into verse in the first place makes for some extraordinary effects, the finest of which do not preclude tenderness.

George MacBeth's Poems from Oby (Secker & War-burg, £4) shows a writer who once as cosmopolitan as Ashbery trying to break new ground. Only one poem in the book, "Thoughts on a Box of Razors", harks back to the familiar MacBeth in its preoccupation with violence, menace, the poet as a sort of Jack the Ripper stroking his own wit as if it were a knife with which he might do unmentionably nasty things to his Muse. For the rest, the sorting is domestic, the setting tone is domestic, the setting pastoral, and the mood rather wilfully contented. MacBeth has apparently settled down in a Norfolk rectory, calmed his imagination by concentrating on country matters. trating on country matters, and decided that it is time to take risks by rhyming flow-ers with showers, and staving off melancholy with verses

The blend of eestasp and filth In smell of drains, in robin-song, Offers the kin of fruitful tilth n which a poem might grow

In my opinion, the tilth is not yet fruitful enough to make these poems strong, but there are sufficient successes (e.g. the excellent "To Preserve Figs") to make me hope that MacBeth will continue to cultivate his rural garden.

P. J. Kavanagh has always and more than a little been a poet who seems infatuated, Craddock accepts equally at home (yet intellite challenge and lumbers gently uneasy) whether in off up North inwards T. Dancity streets or muddy plough. Smithland, where Llewellyn lands. His Selected Poems made his reputation as a lands. His Selected Poents made his reputation as a (Chatto & Windus £4.95) is a political Mr Fixit two decades very fine book indeed, and leaves me in no doubt that the time has come for a so in space, because Midnessessment of the reputation of this unambitious largely of flashbacks which but most accomplished illustrate the development of writer. Kavanagh (who is the two men's careers, and son of Ted Kavanagh who the flowering and eventual withering of their friendship, has sometimes spoiled or fudged poems of undoubted inspiration by turning aside into gags at his own expense, but his critical mind has white heat of technology performed a first-rate job in gives way to cynical news

performed a first-rate job in choosing for this volume the best things from the five books he published between 1959 and 1979. He writes well about happiness (which is rare); his love poems are never sentimental; most remarkable of all, he has the knack of turning the simplest nature note into something which goes beyond obser-vation of the outer weather — and to do this without being portentous. Here is a complete poem, "Sun Over-cast", which illustrates that last gift:

When brightness leaves the trees they seem to fall Backwards, deprived of shadows, then rise again in a cool Diminishment of waiting, solider still. Which it is possible Is what they mean whom death makes audible Bevond our ears and. I feel, as Beyond our cars and, I feel, as

I remember the late James Reeves praising Edmund Blunden for having a Muse with an "unpresuming Saxon grace". Kavanagh's has the same grace. She may never be fashionable, but I'd wager she has a persistence which will survive this fashion and

Robert Nye In Harry Keating's crime briefs last week the notice of Flash-point by Madelaine Duke was attached by accident to Dealer's Wheels by Steve Wilson.

#### **Fiction**

**Mid-Century Men** By Arthur Hopcraft (Hamish Hamilton, £7.95)

Tony Craddock, Concerned Journalist turned TV script-writer, is rising fifty and preoccupied with the "mysterious awfulness" of his hangovers. Thus doubly enfeebled, he agrees to meet Peter Franklin, a young, fashionably emaciated, investigative reporter, who claims tigative reporter, who claims to be preparing a series about politics on TV. But it soon becomes clear that Franklin's real objective is the destruction of Craddock's old chum Roy Llewellyn, former Labour MP, now a Home Office Minister in the Lords. Their childhood friendship continued through National Service and Roy's early political career, but they've been estranged in recent years, which convinces Franklin that Tony is the man to investigate some of the ugly rumours about the

gives way to cynical news struggles and the lack of any too much for him to sto-mach, so he takes his conscience off to the Third World. Roy Llewellyn on the other hand thrives in an atmosphere uncontaminated by high ideals, and finds his talents particularly well-suited to the North East world of night-clubs and incrative urban renewal con-

Twenty years on, Craddock glumly rakes through the ashes, hitting the bottle with increased vigour as he gradually realizes that his efforts to clear his former friend's reputation are going to backfire. The two men meet again, and Tony has to choose between protecting his old mentor and dancing his old mentor and dancing to the new piper's tune. By this stage, the book has stopped being a straight political novel, and developed into a thriller. The denouement brings a flurry of savage twists, and the conclusion is downbeat and sour, in keeping with the era Mr Hopcraft has been describing. But don't let that ston ing. But don't let that stop you reading it. Mid-Century Men is a rich and satisfying first novel, a resounding affirmation of Lord Acton's absention should be stoned as the stone of the observation about the effect

Delightful though it is to Delightful though it is to welcome a talented newcomer, there is a lot to be said for old favourites, especially when they're on song, as Stanley Middleton is in Blind Understanding (Hutchinson, £7.50). Bumping into an old mistress at an acquaintance's funeral sets acquaintance's funeral sets seventy-year-old Midlands solicitor John Bainbridge off on a chain of not altogether comfortable recollections. As he takes stock of his life, we come to share the judgement of another of his old flames: fundamentally, John, you're a silly, immature man."
Indeed be is, and an egocentric monster to boot. But he

is not wholly without insight. "I have not yet made head or tail of my wife", he realizes, wondering at the contrast between this failure and his success in advising clients about their marriages. I find Stanley Middleton irresist-ible. His characters move in a tightly defined little world, but the adventures (and particularly the misadven-tures) they experience are of a dimension which makes nonsense of the idea that he is a miniaturist. He is Minister.

Fascinated by the young fashioned craftsman and Trot's hair-shirt radicalism, writes like an angel.

> Virginia Fassnidge's Some-thing Else (Constable, £5.95) alienated from their long suffering neighbours. Heli-is a sad little story about two copters and police cars and By Robertson is a sad little story about two copters and police cars and antique dealers who try first furtive investigators move in to con, and then to comfort, Boll is interested in the a girl desolated by her father's death. The menage a trois turns sour, and the cast is reduced to two in predictably melodramatic circumstances. I couldn't for the life of me see the point of it all. Equally baffling, but much more entertaining, is Rachel Ingalls' Mrs Caliban (Faber, £6.50). Dorothy, a typical American housewife, is on the verge of a nervous breakdown only partly caused by the (well-founded) Fred has Another Woman. Suddenly, the kitchen door opens, and a "gigantic six-foot-seven-inch frog-like creature shouldered its way into the house". Hm. Tricky situation. But fortunately, the Monsterman (who speaks English with a Mexican accent and is called Larry, for all that he's dark sported green-brown and entirely hairless) is well-disposed towards Dorothy, though less so towards the five punk kids and two research scientists he rubs out during the course of the book. Dorothy and Larry fall in love, and then she discovers her husband's mistress is none other

John Nicholson

The Safety Net By Heinrich Böll Translated by Leila Venne-

(Secker & Warburg, 17.50)

Security has suddenly be-come a threatening word. It now means guards with guns, secrety gathered infor-mation, elaborate mechanical devices. Böll sees the safety net which is stretched out beneath public figures in today's confused society as a net that ensnares and, ironi-cally, destroys. His central character, Fritz Tolm, is an

than her best friend's tee-nage daughter. They can't all live happily ever after, and they don't. See what I mean about baffling?

elderly newspaper proprietor, a simple man, whose steady success and comparative lack of ambition have somehow combined to make him chiefs. So he must have the full security treatment, he must be protected from "them". The lives of his family and friends are dis-rupted: they become pris-oners in their own homes and

absurdity of security as well

as its menace. He makes the greatest threat to Tolm's safety come from within his own family. One son is a committed member of the alternative society; the other has, in the past, been a "rock thrower". His former wife Veronica is still at large and working with Bev, another terrorist whom the Tolm family have known from childhood. The panic and fear in the situation is built around the sort of threat which these present. Will they strike through somebody's cigarette lighter, casu-ally offered but set to explode? Or could one of the wild ducks which fly past Toim's window be a skilfully camouflaged floating bomb? Everything is suspect and the tension builds up only to end in anticlimax when Bev is arrested in a women's shoe shop and Veronica appears, at last, on target with nothing more sophisticated than a bicycle wired with explosives which she then surrenders, uninvited to the nearest policeman.

The characters, although there are an extraordinary number of them, are mostly either vague or emblematic, because this is not a strory about people but a warning about the newest sort of repression in a disintegrating society. Much of the action is seen from a distance and Tolm, in telling his side of Tolm, in telling his side of of Massey College in Toronto, the story, relies on weary and a wit. There is murder, aphorisms. "The best we can theft, suicide, and a lot of the court the story." do", he says, "is acknowledge the fact that we are prisoners — that we'll perish in security, perhaps from security." It is a tired man's nightmare.

Anne Barnes

# **Davies**

(Allen Lane, £6.50) The rebel angels in title were Samahazai and Azazel, who betrayed the secrets of Heaven to King Solomon, and were therefore chucked out of heaven by God. But they were not megalomaniac bad losers like Lucifer. Instead they gave mankind another boost up the ladder; they came to earth and taught tongues, and healing, and laws, and hygiene, and were often particular successes with the daughters of men.

In this jolly novel they are a pair of middle-aged male unmarried dons at a Canadian University of St John and the Holy Ghost (Spook for short). The book is an agreeable surprise for racialists who suppose that out of Canada nothing new or witty can come, and for deja-voyeurs who sigh worldwearily that campus fictions are passe. Both rebel academics are in love with the delectable medievalist post-graduate Maria. An unpublished manuscript by Rabe-lais is discovered in a mountainous bequest by a

scholarly magnie, and promptly stolen by another scholarly magnie. The scan-dalous Brother Parlabane comes home to roost and indulge in bizarre sexual practices. The author is a bearded

magus himself, Oxford-edu-cated, journalist, now Master assorted plot, alongside much urbane chat, scholarship, Rabelaisian goings-on, and satire. In short, it is an intelligent farce, and highly

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plainly the most surprised man in Hammersmith this

week. Without hits, without fantare, without any sort of

reputation outside the soul clubs, his group had not only filled the Odeon on two

consecutive nights but had

enjoyed a reception as tumultuous as any within my

memory.
An eight-member soul band

from Philadelphia via San

from Philadelphia via San Francisco, Maze have been a fixture in the American charts for several years without ever quite achieving the recognition among a broader audience which has

come to Earth, Wind & Fire or the Commodores. They are a hard-core soul group, and

in London they brought out

the hard-core soul audience
— which is young, equally
divided between black and
white, and willing to do its
bit towards creating a good

Maze's musical formula is

Maze's musical formula is straightforward and specific: open-ended middleweight grooves, usually floated on the patter of conga drums and illuminated by light synthesizer touches, rooted in the loose, improvisatory feeling invented by Marvin Gaye for What's Going On a decade ago. Their lyrics deal

decade ago. Their lyrics deal

in optimism, aspiration, affirmation: "Joy and pain/Are like sunshine and rain" is about as profound as they

get, but to hear 3,000 voices

repeating that chant in per-

grooves were allowed to continue past the point at which Beverly's lead voice, a

Maze featuring

Frankie Beverly

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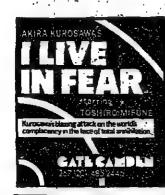
Minder, on Thames, has become one of those pro-grammes that has its devo-George Cole, as the self-centred, artful Arthur, and the more straightforward but nonetheless effective skills of Dennis Waterman as his long-suffering minder.

Last night's episode, Poetic Justice Innit? also gave character opportunities to quite a lot of people for it unfolded around Arthur on jury service. This provided the occasion for a successful perticle of that great Fonds. pastiche of that great Fonda film, Twelve Angry Men, with Arthur, as jury foreman, conniving to fly in the face of overwhelming evidence to spite an old police foe.

He did not succeed, which is as well perhaps for our confidence in the jury system, but it made for enjoyable viewing while action ane viewing while action man Waterman pursued the sub-plot outside the law courts. Tony Hoare's script tied all the strands neatly together, and the director, Terry Green, ensured that a bright idea was not over-ex-

I do not think Nancy Astor, in the form in which it appears on BBC2, was a bright idea and, with two parts still to go, it certainly seems over extended. The names and the costumes are there but the conviction is lacking. There is no doubt Lady Astor was a formidable woman and cowed most of those around her to the degree of acquiescence seen here, but Lisa Harrow, even when she is smacking her drunken son's face, connot convince me as a dread-nought, or, though she says "sumpin" " quite often, as a

Last night Nancy was having a tough time. First, the evil Bottomley published the fact that she was disthe fact that she was divorced and not, as stated in
Who's Who, a widow, just
when she was defending the
marital state in the Commons; then Bobby, her son
by her first marriage, had to
resign his commission after
being drunk on duty and
subsequently got himself
nabbed on a homosexuality
charge Not a happy time at



# Bold display of early Verdi

Attila/Ernani

Châtelet, Paris

grammes that has its devotees going around urging
their friends to watch it,
which is the best kind of
propaganda, for who wants
to hurt one's friends? Certainly it has grown from an
amiable enough, might-aswell-watch-it series into a
witty one, providing much
scope for the comic talent of
George Cole, as the self-cenGeorge Cole, as the self-cendecided that for the most part it decided that for the most part it decided that for the most part it should import its operas of act as a co-producer. The chief luxury of being a borrower rather than a lender is that seasons can be constructed around a single theme.

Last year nineteenth-century French opera was the topic. One French opera was the topic. One work squeezed into the time-span by a whisker and another did not quite make the allotted period. This spring the chosen subject, early Verdi, has a much more compact look about it. Macbeth was a co-production with Bologna, I masnadieri came in from Nancy, Attila is another co-production this time with Nancy, and for good measure there have been two concert performances of Ermani which the TMP have arranged themselves.

themselves.

The fact that a production of Arrile is available while one of Ernani is apparently not is in itself a comment on the vocal demands a comment on the vocal demands of the later opera. A season of early Verdi made in heaven.— or even based on firm commercial grounds—would have given Attila the concert performance and put on stage Emani, the composer's first grear success. Not that the visiting critic has much ground for complaint: Emani has been performed in London by the WNO, given dismal stagings at St Pancras and Sadler's Wells and heard in concert, but has not been accorded the grand production it deserves the grand production it deserves since the First World War. It is always "just around the corner" at Covent Garden, but that corner is never turned.

But first to Attila, which came in 1846, two years after Ernani, almost to the week, but which is much the rougher work. A lot of that roughness comes from the principal characters, who are as unsympathetic a collection as Verdi ever assembled on stage: the swaggering Attila; his main adverswaggering Attnia; ins main adver-sary, the Roman general Ezio, who makes up in cunning what he lacks in military strength; Odabella, who rounds off the opera by stabbing Attila once she is betrothed to him. There is little tenderness around the lagnous of Aquileia, where the action takes place, and the leading tenor, Foresto, remains a shadowy figure even though he gets a disarming cavatina in the Prologue

and an impassioned duet with Odabella in the act which follows. Verdi's main business, though, Verdi's main business, though, is with the lower voices. Attila is the only opera he composed with a bass in the leading role and Kurt Rydl, from Vienna, cuts a fine vocal swathe through the score: rich, resonant and aggressive. With his bald pate and his black beard Rydl looked like a refugee from Kung Fu on Saturday evening television, but his voice carries all the dark, concentrated vigour which characterizes this uppers.

John Rawnsley, in his Paris debut, made Ezio a shaggier and less military man. Verdi, and particularly early Verdi, lies easily for his baritone and, with the two men splitting worlds between them in Attila's most famous line, "Avrai tu l'universo, testi l'Italia a me" (You can take the universe, ltaly's mine), there is a foretaste of the bass-baritone confrontations in the great later operas, notably in the great later operas, notably Don Carlo and Simon Boccanegra. Marilyn Zschau, recently heard as Musetta at Covent Garden, strode on stage clearly determined to be a Boadicea among these male warriors in her opening cavatina. She succeeded, much to the delight of the Chatalan and has her her ballanger. the Châtelet audience, but had less command of the colorature in Odabella's "Oh, nel fuggenta

nuvolo", a number in which Verdi which used to be much favoure

Gianluigi Gelmetti, a conductor from Rome in his mid-thirties and

lethargic. He has had a long career as a designer, which stretches back beyond The Recruting Officer for the National Theatre in its Waterloo Road days. But the move

lengthy arias. Further evidence of the improve ent of the Colonne Orchestra was

Ernani in some way is the reverse of Attila. It opens with three hit numbers — provided of course there are available a tenor, soprano and bass capable of

can be much more fun.
Douglas Cummings

tedious conversation between

Michael Davis and Anthony

Concerto for violin and obos

remained gently complacent.

Only in Elgar's Serenade

that sense of interfertiliza-

thinned out his orchestration and by Callas in recitals. It was a bold rather than a controlled performwas considerably more restrained es Foresto, but restraint was not in the musical spirit of the evening.

ne well worth watching for in the future, matched his bass and baritone bar for bar in the power and attack he drew from the Rene Allio's staging, alas, was

Waterloo Road days. But the move to production is another matter. It is all too fashionable at the moment, but few make the transition successfully — Jean-Pierre Ponnelle remains the principal exception. Alio's perspectives are bewitching: tiny buildings grow in the distance as they did in his Louise for the Coliseum, but the elegant columns and calm sea suggest a travel poster for Grado rather than the storms of Verdi's rather than the storms of Verdi's Aquileia, and the broken chariot-wheels and rocks are mere pedestals from which to deliver

ment of the Colonne Orchestra was audible in Sunday's concert performance of Ernani under Jacques Delacote. He began gingerly, testing the temperature, but, encouraged by a quartet of soloists ready to take a few risks and by musicians who have spent most of the last six weeks in Berdi's company, he opened out to conduct a reading where the constant forward thrust of the music was tempered with a touch of aristocracy. of aristocracy.



Verdi in 1844, the year "Ernani" was premièred

singing them - but the first act is lengthy. Thereafter the opera tautens musically and dramati-cally, with the best of the score contained in the third act by Charlemagne's tomb and the slaughter at the close. Attila, by contrast, can fall into risibility once the swords are out.

The Chatelet had one or two changes from the cast announced at the beginning of the season, no easy matter in view of the scant number of singers carrying this particular opera in their reper-toire. The Elvira, Seta del Grande, who declined to rely on a score, could have used some of the weight in the middle of her voice

to nourish the top, but international class Elviras are now as rare as Isoldes. John Brocheler, the Carlo, has a massive baritone but little ability to sing pianissimo. The other two rivals for Elvira's hand — she is one of the most sought-after heroines in opera — provided the most satisfying per-formances: John Cheek, the dig-nified Silva, and above all a young provided the most satisfying performances: John Cheek, the dignified Silva, and above all a young the astonished delight of the tenor, highly musical and with a formicable array of top notes (rare combination), Giuliano Cianella, in the title role.

■ Performances of Attila tonight and Saturday at 8.30 pm.

John Higgins

high tenor clearly influenced by Jackie Wilson, could still find fresh variations, but in general the distinction between ensemble discipline and indulgence of the crowd's mood was correctly

maintained in such songs as "Changing Times". "The "Changing Times", "The Look in Your Eyes" and



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#### Theatre

blindness of Ray Charles and just how he got blind. Freddie Starr

There is not only Mr Starr Cambridge Theatre apart from the quick-tongued mimicry of Mr Goddard; there is an orchestra with Freddie Start makes his first appearance at the Cambridge Theatre to the strains of "Land of Hope and Glory". Wearing royal robes and crowned with a tiara, he steals the applause from Mike Goddard's joke-telling to ascend to the royal box; which already sports cut-outs of the Prince and Princess of Wales. By the end of the evening, he was assuring the critic from Variety that all that rigmarole would be gone tomorrow, that he knew Mr. Starr possesses a good singing voice that learnt its projection in the rock cav-erns of Hamburg, but even at his most serious be makes a tomorrow, that he knew when he had made a mistake.

Dennis Hackett Too modest by half, Mr Starr deserves the royal box. He may not be the queen he claims to be, but he is an undoubted prince of bad taste. While still wearing the royal robes, he produces a baby doll. "tailor-made by Richard Burton". When he Richard Burton... When he finally arrives on stage, it is as 'Adolf Hitler in uniform, wearing shorts marked with a swastika. Those soon drop around his ankles, exposing bare-cheeked; effronteries. When he warms up, he runs through old lokes, interspersed with lavatory sounds, and finds comedy in the

LSO Chamber Ensemble

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backing singers. For severa minutes, there are the ingeni-ous marionettes of Roger Stevenson and Harry S. Stuart, but the presence that fills the theatre is Mr Starr, and even through his easy vulgarities, his potent talent is inescapable.

joke of it, grimacing, mim-icking radio cross-talk on the microphone or giving coarsely worded but tonsily exact impressions of the voices of Richard Burton, Johnny impressions of the voices of Richard Burton, Johnny Cash and others. Elvis Presley is his best observed character, still able to sing and too fuddled to snap his fingers in time. Despite his talent, his chief attraction might well be the poverty of his material. The act is held together by rich, natural gift. together by rich, natural gift, but he makes it seem as if anyone could do it equally well when he is an original; bad taste and all.

The audience continues to

grow for the London Symphony Orchestra's early Tuesday evening chamber concerts: after the less well attended wind and brass programmes, the mixed chamber ensemble played this week to a near-capacity audience. Peripatetic coffee drinkers

approaching the veivet-seated haven for tired workers may have heard the band practis-ing one or two items a week or so ago in the pre-concert foyer music, all ready to provide balm, or, as the case was on Tuesday, to embalm weary ears and minds. After the Queen of Sheba had made her routine appearance, it was the turn of the first soloist of the evening, Peter Lloyd, in C. P. E. Bach's amiable D minor Flute Conamiable D minor Flute Concerto. That, too, was played slickly and neatly, but very much as if it were still background music, the strings providing a somewhat glutinous, undifferentiated accompaniment to the flute's often testing writing often testing writing.

Anthony Camden took the Ned Chaillet stage for one of the more enterprising items on the

Concerts programme, Bellini's Oboe-Concerto, Written while he Tate Music Group

was still a student, it need Oueen Elizabeth Hall

was still a student, it need not sound like a mere student composition. The germs at least of a prima donna's long melodies are there, but they need more beguiling and affectionate advocacy than Mr Camden felt able to bring, and the Judging by the first two pieces in the Tate Music Group's debut concert on Tuesday, one could be forgiven for assuming their name to have been influenced by something other than the felt able to bring, and the sharp-witted allegro polonese art gailery a few hundred yards upstream, so sickly sweet was their playing. They chose a programme of four J. S. Bach concertos and one, Rod McGrath bit hard into the vigorous figurations, the springing syncopations of Vivaldi's G minor Concerto for flute, by his son, Carl Philipp Emanuel.

Philipp Emanuel.

The group's director, the violinist Richard Studt, who promises unconducted Bartok and Barber in the future, launched his new musical launched his new musical his lithe, alert and commanding playing of the C.P.E. for two cellos. Theirs was a more stimulating, if cruder, dialogue than the hard and Camden in Bach's D minor But, apart from the prettily inventive harpsichord con-tinuo, the ensemble's playing

for Strings, a work it would indeed be difficult to play with indifference, did the sap really begin to flow. Here tion that one expects from these often fine ensemble players draw out constantly chord concerto. Instead of fluctuating shades of line commanding a different and shadow from Elgar's approach from his colleasensuously textured writing.

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them, seemingly more hell-bent on sheer exhibitionism than on doing the music any kind of justice.

No gaudy apparel was needed for the harpsichordist.

Travor Pinnock to woo his

audience in the D minor Harpsichord Concerto. Brisk ly establishing a tight rhythmic control, he exuded an irrepressible vitality which the orchestra dared not resist imitating, although even he could not prevent the accompaniment to his elaborate line in the Adagio from degenerating into something more suited to the Palm

certo in A minor. His careful Bach Flute Concerto in D tempos gave the first move-ment admirable clarity, but themes and rhythms, and the Andante became burdensome, and there was little
passion or commitment about
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Similarly, caution pervaded the orchestral playing in the Oboe Concerto in G minor, one of those works Bach later converted into a harpsiched concerto. Instead of commanding a different denburg Concerto his fellows. denburg Concerto, his fellow soloists achieving with him a balance which was near-mir-

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Churchill saw Europe as a grand alliance against Soviet imperialism and as the means of bringing Germany back into the family of

But could British leadership of the Commonwealth be combined with membership of Europe? Here all agreed with my father that Britain could not join a European France, Holland and Belgium, still colonial nowers would face still colonial powers, would face similar problems. These could be harmonized. Sterling might even become Europe's reserve cur-

The European Movement was duly launched with Sandys as its architect. Political leaders on the Continent, newly released from prison or returned from exile, gathered eagerly around Churchill. A rally at the Albert Hall, followed A rally at the Albert Hail, followed by a succession of meetings in the capitals of Europe, led up to the Hague conference (1948). This called for a Council of Europe composed of a Committee of Ministers and a Consultative As-

The French, Italian and Benelux governments backed the Hague proposal. The Attlee government reluctantly agreed.

Robert Schuman, inspired by Jean Monnet, now came forward with his plan for a Cosl and Steel Pool. Bevin rejected it, arguing that it involved a surrender of sovereignty. Churchill supported it, confident that he could secure any necessary amendments when again in power.

But Churchill's main concern was to rearm Germany for the defence of Europe. He called for a European army. His idea — immediately rejected by the Labour Government — was taken up by the French Government, who proposed the European De-

fence Community.
The year 1951 saw Churchill back in power. His personal

For the last two weeks the

public and politicians have been bombarded with crime

figures. Concern about law and order has led to intense

pressure on Mr William Whitelaw, Home Secretary,

and will today produce what



Antonio Segni and Konrad Adenauer sign the Treaty of Rome 25 years ago; and right, Robert Boothby, Churchill, Leo Amery and his son Julian who met in 1946 to launch the European Movement

prestige was unequalled. Britain, with a united Commonwealth and Empire, still seemed a great power. Our industry was intact, our armed forces the strongest in the west after the American. sterling was an international reserve currency second only to the dollar. It was in Churchill's power to create a United Europe and give it such institutions as he chose.
True, the Demo-Christian lead-

ers of France, Italy and Germany would have preferred a Catholic "Charlemagne Europe" without Britain. But Churchill's prestige and Britain's influence were such that they could not have stood against him. The crunch came over the

European Defence Com-munity. At Strasbourg, Maxwell-Fyfe, in a speech previously cleared with the Cabinet, declared that Britain would play a full and honourable part in a European army. A standing ovation followed. We then dispersed for lunch.

When we met again in the late afternoon my Continental colleagues deliberately turned their backs on me. At a press confer-ence in Rome the same afternoon, Anthony Eden had repudiated Maxwell-Fyfe and declared that Britain would not join the Euro-pean Army. The whole European Movement felt betrayed.

What had happened? Two of Churchill's most powerful colleagues, Eden and Butler, had never supported his European crusade. Nor had the Foreign Office and the Treasury. The pro-European Ministers in the Cabinet, Maxwell-Fyfe, Macmillan and Sandys, had no departmental base from which to challenge the Foreign Secretary and the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Churchill was ageing and his health precarious. Eden had his way. Thus the first and best oppor-

tunity of fashioning Europe to Britain's hearts desire was lost. There was to be a second opportunity. In 1955 the French Parliament threw out the European Defence Community proposal mainly because Britain was not in it. Eden then proposed the West-ern European Union. This committed then proposed the West European Union. This committed Britain to keep an Army on the Continent, indefinitely. Churchill's vision was coming true after all, Next year Nasser's seizure of the

Suez Canal revived the Entente

Cordiale in practice and in senti-ment. Shortly before the Suez operation, Guy Mollet told me that once Britain and France had successfully confronted the United States over the Middle East we could confidently build a United Europe around a Paris-London

Mollet left the leadership at Suez to Britain. But then came the ceasefire dictated by Eisenhower and accepted unilaterally by Eden. The French felt betrayed. But Suez was a defeat for the whole of Europe, marking Europe's subor-dination to the Super Powers. Thus we lost the second opportuntity to build a United Europe under British leadership.

Those who had all along wanted to see a Federal Europe of the Six, without Britain, now went ahead with the negotiations which culminated 25 years ago today in the Treaty of Rome.

The Foreign Office judged the project stillborn, but nearly five years later and after much hesitation Macmillan saw no option but to apply to join the European Community.

Macmillan and de Gaulle's conception of Europe was much the same. Both saw it not as a

federation but as a league of Sovereign states. The other European states would have welcomed us, but de Gaulle judged Britain still too strong to be admitted to the Club. We, and not France, would have become the leaders. Hence his veto.

In conversation not long after-ward, de Gaulle predicted a decade or two of decline for Britain. He foresaw a Socialist victory to be followed by a Conservative government "perhaps under Heath". By that time, he reckoned Britain would have been weakened enough to be an acceptable partner. It was indeed Heath who secured our admission to the Com-munity. But by that time we were no longer in

a position to dictate our terms.

Two great opportunities had been lost, the third — Macmillan's attempt — had proved to be the pursuit of a mirage. Now we have been full members for a decade. Overall the bargain has been good. More than 40 per cent of our exports go to the Community and nearly 60 per cent if we include associate members — much more than we ever sold to the Commonwealth and Empire. We are certainly in no position to dominate the EEC. But nor for that matter are France and Germany. Yet Britain could still make a great contribution to it. We possess an independent nuclear deterrent and independent nuclear deterrent and highly trained professional forces, we have our own oil resources and we enjoy relative social stability. Then what is the way ahead? The Community is already a Customs Union and will become a

full payments area as soon as we decide to join the European monetary system. But if countries pool their trade and financial interests they need to develop foreign and defence policies to promote and protect them.

return to Churchill's original concept of how best to unite Europe against the threat of Soviet imperialism. How best, in short, to make the European Community a valid partner for the United States in what must increasingly become not just a North Atlantic but a global alliance.

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Ronald Butt

# Where the SDP must aim

achieved little of fundamental importance for the long-term than ever. If (improbably) the future of the SDP, apart coalition succeeded, however, from the benefit of his presence in parliament. The absorbed in a new Tory SDP exists, so it claims, "to Party. break the political mould". Yet if Mr Jenkins is victor, it however, would be a shifting is quite likely that he will series of centrist governhave taken a further step ments of varying composition

tive politicians who had effectively.

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argument over policy that between the two chief parti-finaly drove them out of the that now exist works badly, Labour Party but the success of the left in its attempt to make the leader, the parlia-mentary party and the manifesto subservient to the party conference, together with growing Trotskyist in-

Since they had come to the conclusion that Labour was now a party unfit for poweer in a democracy, they seceded in order to replace it as the principal party of the left. The SDP was to be heir to the Attlee-Gaitskell tradition.
That was the basic position of Dr Owen, Mr Rodgers and Mrs Williams at the start. But the problem for any new party is how to get off

the ground and for the SDP to do so initially needed Tory as well as Labour votes. Although the SDP secured no defectors from among Tory politicians (apart from the monumentally insignificant floor-crossing of Mr Brockle-bank-Fowler) it quickly attracted disgrunted Tory and non-aligned voters. It was tactical logic that the SDP should make common cause with the Liberals, which was achieved through the Roy Jenkins-David Steel axis. So the SDP has been

increasingly driven to pre-sent itself as something quite different from either of the old parties and taking equally from both, its embracing of proportional representation emphasizes its centrist pos-

Moreover, it has so far only been Tory seats that the Alliance has taken, and although this is principally because no Labour seat has fallen vacant with a majority that could be overthrown, an SDP victory at Hillhead could do no more than confirm the Social Democrats as a centrist party, more attractive to Tories than to Labour voters. Looking farther ahead, the SDP's commitment to pro-

portional representation in the same danger as Labour would, if implemented, make it highly unlikely that we should get single-party vehicle for the centre-right government again — which of British politics." But would make nonsense of the alternative to what? claim to replace Labour.

coalition failed by its policies they have the makings of a of economic management, more solid basis than that incomes and price control, which temporarily annoyed and reflationary spending, to Tories can provide.

If Mr Roy Jenkins takes prevent another economic Hillhead today, he will have crises, Labour might return to power far more left-wing

The more likely outcome, towards breaking it in a achieved under PR but still sense very different from the unable, given our union purpose of the SDP's foun- structure and the capacity of ders. the unions and a leftist
The founders of the SDP Labour Party to make miswere Labour not Conserva chief, to govern Britain

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> He also argues that the idea of a stable two-party system is a myth — citing the three-party period during which earlier in the century Labour was replacing the Liberals and the coalitions of the 1930s and 1940s. But this simply proves that the party structure can change, when there is need, without PR, The truth is that we have a system which allows parties to be replaced in this way but then rightly tends to revert to a two-party alternation— which is a way of securing structural change while maintaining a system under which questions can be put to the electorate that demand a clear answer.

The curious feature of Mr Rodgers's analysis it that it explicitly leads back to the SDP as a replacement of Labour while proposing an electoral system that makes this difficult if not imposs-ible. Whatever Mr Jenkins's position, Mr Rodgers leaves no doubt about what he wants. "The task of the Social Democrats now is to supplant the Labour Party as the natural party of the centre-left in Britain." He is quite right that this is what it should be.

One does not have to be an SDP supporter to understand that a two-party system divided between the Con-servatives and the SDP (in Labour's place) each accept-ing the mixed society and economy, but one emphasiz-ing personal and the other collective responsibility is what Britain needs to restore the consensus which has broken down principally because Labour and the leftist unions refused to accept it.

Mr Rodgers understands all this very well. He also believes that the Conservatives do not ultimately stand

claim to replace Labour.

Even without PR, it is "firmly on the non-ideologipossible that if the SDP cal centre-left" the question remains how, reaping Tory that temporarily attracts seats, exploiting tactical more Tory than Labour votes, it will assist the and committed to a PR future which will constrain the SDP Though he sees the SDP as Liberals to capture a number which will constrain the SDP of Tory seats where they as much as any other party-have been running second, the Social Democrats are but without the Liberals going to supplant Labour and being able to reciprocate by thus recreate the consensus helping the SDP to capture we need — even though, as helping the SDP to capture
Labour seats equally.

If the Alliance holds the balance after the next election in a centrist position, it would probably have to form a coalition with the Tories, without Mrs Thatcher.
Labour would continue its drive to the left and if the coalition failed by its policies

we need — even though, as Mr Rodgers observes, Labour more than the Tories are.

Whatever happens at Hill-head it will not help the SDP towards its necessary goal of supplanting Labour. Only when the Social Democrats take a solid Labour seat will they have the makings of a

# Why politicians should beware of crime statistics

#### The great myth of the detective lesser offence of violence or

is likely to be a fierce House of Commons debate.

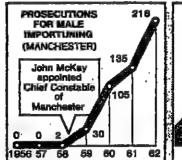
But as MPs, like Mrs
Thatcher last week, grapple with the complexities of the apparent surges in particular with the complexities of the apparent surges in particular officially recorded crime sorts of crime; yet this had figures, they might reflect on less to do with the extent of one simple fact. The figures it than the priority given by tell neither the truth about new Chief Constables to

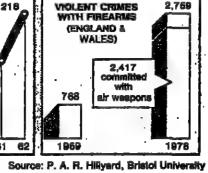
the extent of crime nor about tackling it. One was Sir John police success in clearing it McKay. Before his arrival in up. Any law and order 1959, there was only one campaign based on them is prosecution for male importuning in 1955, none at all in 1956 or 1957 and only two there is no cause for concern about the true amount of crime, nor about the vicious1960, 135 in 1961 and 216 in

to say that as indicators of Mr James Anderton was the amount of it, the crime appointed Chief Constable of figures are worse than use
Greater Manchester on July 1 to say that as indicators of less; they can be misleading. 1976. That year 55 search
As was reported in The warrants were executed
Times diary last week, under the Obscene Publicaresearch suggests that there tions Acts and there were may be up to 10 times as proceedings in 25 cases. The much crime as is actually comparable figures in 1977 reported. And up to two were 287 warrants and 134 thirds of what is reported as proceedings, and in 1978, 151 crime by the public may not warrants and 91 proceedings. Mr Anderton told the Manchester Statistical Society: "Every year the be finally recorded as such

Society: "Every year the Home Secretary presents to Parliament statistics relating ing has been especially common in cases of alleged assault and thefts from the to crime and criminal pro-ceedings in England and Wales for the previous year. The Home Office figures issued on March 12 and Scotland Yard statistics two ... But precisely what do the figures tell us about the state days earlier were of recorded of criminality in the nation and what do they suggest should be done about it? Very little, is the answer I would give." recorded may vary from force to force. One study showed that in Oxford 6 per

He described robbery figures as "farcical" and said a count of serious crime figures could be "utterly





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refer either to a serious hold-tute of Technology. up of a security guard Crimes of violence against carring a large sum of money the person with firearms from a bank or to the taking showed a "frantic rise" from with some force or violence 768 in 1969 to 2,759 in 1978 in of one schoolchild's dinner England and Wales, but 2,417 money in the playground by of them were committed with another pupil.

Another study of a police used by 14 to 17-year-olds. force showed that 37 per cent of house burglaries recorded in the Chief Constable's "firearm". report were in fact Courts may also downgrade on prepayment the initial assessment of the annual report were in fact meters, with no other property stolen or damaged. A classic study of violence 20
Whether the crime was recorded as simply "theft out of every three of those meter" or house burglary found guilty of a crime of depended apparently on violence were convicted of a police assessment of the lesser crime that the other controls are stored to the controls of the lesser crime that the other controls of the control of the controls of the control of the controls of the control of the controls of the control of the controls of the controls of the control of t depended apparently on police assessment of the "moral character" of the

complainant.
One of the most emotive arguments, essential to the discovered that fewer than debate about the return of two thirds of defendants capital punishment, is about were convicted of the principle.

Since that time, the gap between figures of reported crimes and those cleared up has widened. Only yesterday Sir David McNee, the Metro-politan Police Commissioner, was reported as lamenting that a clear-up rate of 17 per cent by his force was "not acceptable."

He can take heart. Previous research has suggested the more crime is recorded, the lower the clear-up rate

even a non-violent offence.

will be. Following the report pointless." "Robbery" might done for the Cranfield Insti- of a Commission in the Irish Republic 10 years ago, it was decided to relate police pay to productivity. Next year there was a record increase in indictable crime. But there was an 11 per cent decrease in the detection rate. (Source: Paddy Hillyard, Department of Social Administration, Bristol University). In Understanding Crime

Rates, Keith Bottomley and Clive Coleman of Hull University, tell what hap-pened when new legislation was passed in the early 1970s as a result of increasing public concern about the incidence of vandalism. An attempt was made to "cushion" the effect of the

there would have been 306,000 offences recorded as known to the police.

known to the police.

It is a myth that detective work solves most crimes. David Steer, a tutor at the Police College, Bramshill, Hampshire, found in a study for the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure that threequarters of suspects were caught carrying out the crime, were still at the scene when the police arrived, were known from the outset or were among a small number of people who had the opportunity to commit the

Many property crimes are "solved" because prisoners "solved" because prisoners ask for them to be "taken into consideration". In America, there were misgiv-ings about the extent to this was done as a trade-off.

The unanswered question is how much of the crime "increase" occurs simply because there are record numbers of police officers. Bottomley and Coleman state that evidence from places as far apart as Uganda and Nashville, Tennessee, shows that the sort of incidents considered worthwhile re-porting to the police depend on how accessible the police

Peter Evans Home Affairs Correspondent

incidence of vandalism. An attempt was made to "cushion" the effect of the new law, they say, by not requiring offences involving property valued at £20-£100 to be recorded. That strategy has now been abandoned. The effect was a recorded increase from \$2.000 offences. the number of firearms used.

That argument was rebutted by Chief Superintendent Mike Hoare of the Metropolitan Police, in an MSc thesis per cent were convicted of a including that under £20, 1963).

The effect was a recorded Role. Royal Commission of including that increases from 42,000 offences Criminal Procedure. Research in 1972 to more than 140,000 Study No 7 (Stationery Office). Crimes of Violence, F H if all damage is counted, McClintock et al (Macmillan including that under £20, 1963).

#### Was Southey to blame for our troubles?

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other complaints or requests

for police action were written

"George Gilder, an American who believes the way to create wealth is to let creative men of faith have lots of money, goes further than our own Lord Annan in blaming Britain's stagnation and decline on our

intellectuals.
Annan, as I disclosed recently, is considering writing a book connecting our economic malaise with the anti-industrial attitudes of people like Evelyn Waugh and George Orwell. Gilder, programme director of the Interrational Center for Economic Policy Studies in Manhattan and author of a best-selling book called Wealth and Poverty which is published in its British edition today, traces the trouble back to the nineteenth century Poet Laureate, Robert Southey. Early in the Industrial Revol-

ution, Gilder says, Southey wrote two volumes of passionate prose proving that manufacturing was all a terrible mistake, and made the cardinal error himself of supposing that wealth for some must create poverty for others. Ever since, Gilder argues, poets and clergy have combined with "trade union Luddites, neo-Ruskinian literati, nostalgic Tories, Gothic revival socialists and manor house Maoists" in selffulfilling fantasies of decorous

It was Macaulay, one English intellectual Gilder does approve, who fingered Southey, in what Gilder calls "a splendidly progrowth essay." On the other hand Adam Smith, author of The Wealth of Nations and father of free trade, proved a sad disappointment. "I was astonished to find that Smith was a violent enemy of individual capitalists, making continual sneers and disdainful references to those in trade."

Intellectuals of the Right,

Gilder concludes, are little better than those of the Left. They might like productivity but do not much care for producers.

This intellectual tendency toward bankruptcy, you will be glad to hear, is not exclusively a Reticity toward.

British trait. It has, in Gilder's view, crippled America too. Capitalism will not be safe anywhere, he says, until we are prepared to defend capitalists.

#### Army manoeuvre

The British army has failed in its attempt to overrun The Good Museums Guide, published today. The tactics, according to Kenneth Hudson who edits the book, were an interesting tribute to the thorough and many-sided train-ing provided by the Staff College, but the military's execution of their manoeuvre was "bizarre and chuckle-provoking."

Britain, says Hudson, has far more military museums than any other country in the world, including the Soviet Union. When few were included in the previous edition of the Guide, the opening shot was a letter from the association representing 150

army museums.

This was followed by a barrage of completed report forms used by the Guide's panel of inspec-tors, but all filled in by the curators of the army museums.

THE TIMES DIARY The London Ser-pent Trio celebrate their sixth birthday and their patronal festival — All festival — . Fool's Day week today with a in the crypt of St. John's, Smith

> The serpent, an ancient instru-ment which looks like an elephant's intestine and if not played well can sound like it too, is so

#### each setting out the glories in his care. Careful examination re-vealed that dozens of photocopies had been made from a single original, and circulated to the army museums so that they could

be fired off individually.

The smoke having cleared, it can now be seen that the broadfronted assault lost, rather than gained, ground. In the new book the museum of the Royal Hampshire Regiment in Win-chester is dropped in favour of that of the Royal Hussars, while that of the Royal Leicestershire Regiment in Leicester is eliminated and not replaced from military ranks.

Not at table Britain could be severely underrepresented at the banquet next weel: to mark the EEC's 25th anniversary. So far four former prime ministers, two lords and Roy Jerkins, candidate for Glasgow Hillhead, have all declined invitations to attend.

and gentle as the sigh of a baby . well, the baby's father". Among the regrets for the dinner, planned to coincide with the EEC summit in Brussels on Monday, are those of Edward Heath, Harold Macmillan, Lord Home and Sir Harold Wilson.

curvy that when properly held it directs the sound straight into the

player's right-hand trouser pocket.

Christopher Monk, Alan Lums-den and Andrew van der Beek are

probably the only professional serpent players in the world. They play in tail coats and cravats, and their music has been variously

buffalo, as sinister as a wind among tombstones" and as "soft

Lord Thomson of Monifieth, former commissioner and chairman of the Labour Committee for Europe, is sorry, and Lord George-Brown cannot make it At the last minute James Callaghan, Edmund Dell, former

#### Labour Trade Secretary and David Owen have been invited to make up numbers.

No time

Observant two- to four-year-olds watching Play School on BBC TV on Monday are likely to pester their parents to know why the clock has stopped. It is not going on Monday are likely to pester rotate curve Jennius invited institution parents to know why the colleagues to consider their clock has stopped. It is not going average age and that of Congress to be easy to explain, because it delegates. The problems would be involves a three-way demarcation tremendous, he suggested, and dispute between the broadcasting qualified medical help essential.

Those who work on the programme cannot agree among themselves whose job it is to start and maintain the big electric cog with yellow wheels which is with yellow wheels which is featured. The electricians claimed the job in 1980, and were opposed by the show's working operatives, who said the clock was a piece of scenery and therefore their responsibility.

Compromise kept the hands moving sill large responsibility.

moving till last weekend's record-ing session, when the Association of Broadcasting Staffs joined in and the clock was stopped. Now infants anxious to tell the time may have to dial the speaking clock, and unless the unions chime together to get Play School's timepiece ticking again there could be an all-out strike.

#### Non-runners

The TUC General Council yesterday brought its full weight against a propasal for a trade union sponsored "fun run." In an untypically frank appraisal of their own limitations the council overwhelmingly defeated the scheme canvassed by jogging fitness fanatic, William Sirs of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation.

Sirs failed even to find a seconder for his plea that a hostile committee report on his proposal—a run during the annual congress at Brighton in September-should be referred back. Presenting the report, rotund Clive Jenkins invited his Sirs organized a successful fun

run during his own union's Shop, at the Westminster annual conference in Bourne- Theatre. mouth last year. He ran out an easy winner.

#### Social rounds

In a publication called The Public House, Leisure and Social Control Dr Michael Smith of Salford University could be suspected of wanting to drive his readers to drink.
"The public house, as an

alcohol drinking context, mirrors the uniquity of alcohol, its manufacture and consumption and attempts to control both, in the annals of the historical changes which have resulted in contemporary urban industrial society", he postulates.
And adds: "The public drinking house as a context for alcohol consumption.

consumption, in relation to British society, has not evolved in a linear historical sense, nor in terms of a rational scheme for social change . . ". Look, what's yours?

Residents at Ringwood in Hampshire are raising a stink about a local farmer's plans to keep pigs near their homes. The house which would be worst affected, being right next door to the farrow barn, is called Pooh Cottage

#### Papal gem

No sooner do I tell you that the BBC World Service is to broadcast the play by Pope John-Paul 11 than I hear that theatrical impresario Bill Kenwright is to present the same work under a different title. The Jeweller's

Opening three days before the pontiff's arrival in Britain its cast

#### Listening in

The ricochet of political sniping resounds in this week's issue of The Listener. On page 17 Sir Ian Gilmour, given the chance to review Nigel Fisher's book on Harold Macmillian, does not let slip the opportunity for some covert political attacks on Mar-geret Thatcher.

will include Hannah Gordon and

Gwen Watford. Robin Phillips is

Thus Fisher is said to show. "some small signs of having been mildly infected by the current comment that the sort of mixed economy Macmillan favoured "now finds general acceptance" is curtly described as "san-guine." Macmillan, Gilmour concludes, could have done more for investment and should have reformed industrial relations, but we have never had it so good again.

On page 26 Labour MP Phillip Whitehead takes potshots at his near neighbour in Kentish Town, William Rodgers of the SDP. "We have lived not ten doors away from each other for many years but his book, The Politics of Change, reminds me of the houses in between."

It is a relief to find that on page 24 Gerald Kaufman, MP, is only writing about Maurice. Chevalier.

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For the last 15 years my colleagues and I, with Home Office support, have been investigating the methods used by parents who live in high-crime areas in preventing their children from becoming delinquent. We have convincing evidence of the effectiveness of a strict parental regime. Children from strict homes tend to be only marginally, if at all, involved in antisocial pursuits. The children who become involved in more serious offences and, often at an early age, come from homes where

supervision is lax.

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#### MR BREZHNEV'S CHINA CARD

Tashkent must be set against Peking the following spring the long background of Sino were curtly dismissed by the Soviet conflict. It is now ten Chinese. years since President Nixon landed in Peking. He gave the have had better reason to Russians much more to worry about than they had had through years of argument with the Chinese. Divorce from China was bad. A possible war on two fronts the Chinese because of his was far, far worse. Gradually, attitude to Taiwan. The argupossible war on two fronts nowever, their anxiety les-sened as they reinforced their Peking and Washington for frontier, watched China's almost a year, with China's continuing instability follow-attitude steadily hardening to ing the cultural revolution, and built up hopes that detente in Europe, formalised by the Helsinki agreement, would assure them stability in the west. While that lasted there was less cause to worry about China's friendship with

In the last three years tions.
Instability in Europe, both military and political, has altered the balance, Détente offer at the beginning of last has languished and the month in January, Mr Sergei Russians have become worried by Nato's plans to install: new missiles in Europe, Poland — always the most sensitive country on the west-paid a visit to Peking as ern frontier— has become Chairman of the Sino-Soviet dangerously unstable. The Friendship Association. Prob-Soviet Union's western flank ably Mr Brezhnev's offer no longer seems quite so would not now have been secure. This may provide one made unless he had some reason for turning east to see reason to expect a response. if the Chinese mood has Of course the Chinese could become more accommodating. ... use their response as a means Another could be to show Washington that Russia, too,

can play the China card. The first moves were made in 1979, by which time Mr Deng Xiaoping had succeeded the too cautious and inhibited Mr Hua Guofeng as China's policy maker. Talks were begun that autumn in Moscow. but with little hope of success; indeed after six meet. States. The army in China was ings even the agenda had not well aware of its inferiority to been finalised. And then came the Russians divisions they Afghanistan to inflame yet faced — the clashes in 1969

Mr Brezhnev's appeal for another corner of Soviet brought that home — but improved relations with China anxiety. The talks that were while Mao lived his bravura Since then the Russians

> hope for some response fromthe Chinese, thanks to Mr Reagan. His presidency has worried the Russians in Europe but has also worried the point of saying that if there is no change in Washington their relations must remain at a standstill or may deteriorate. Seeing the possibility of these cracks opening up it is natural for the Purchase of the second the property of the purchase of the property of the purchase of the the Russians to reach out for a new test of Chinese inten-

month. In January, Mr Sergei Tikhvinsky, a Soviet China expert with much experience of the country before the communists came to power, paid a visit to Peking as. Chairman of the Sino-Soviet of applying pressure on Washington. But it is doubtful whether that alone would prompt a warm reply. Undoubtedly there have been disagreements among Chinese leaders during the past fifteen years over the extent of the break with the Russians and even more over friendship with the United

from the relative proximity of to have been resumed in was enough to silence grumbling. Latterly, China's econ-omic "readjustment" has banished any hope that modern weapons will redress the military balance on the fron-

tier in any foreseeable future.

Equally there have been critics of the friendship with the Americans, especially since Mr Deng's gallivanting in Washington and Texas suggested that he was ready to make more concessions to buy this friendship than China should risk. It is hard to calculate how much these objections to the Russian and American relationships have impeded Mr Deng in bringing about the economic and politi-cal changes in China of the past two years, but the evidence of tactical diversions and some outright reversals of policy suggests that stubborn resistance in some army circles has been a constant

factor.

Asked by his visitors -American senators among them — Why China has no hope of lessening the Soviet threat, Mr Deng's answer has always been that China will believe in Soviet goodwill the moment the Russian divisions on the frontier begin to be reduced. Without such a gesture, China's suspicion will remain. Can Mr Brezhnev hope for a Chinese move that would simultaneously nudge President Reagan on the subject of Taiwan and encourage the Russians to withdraw one or two divisions from the frontier? Certainly Chinese have shown their resolution over Taiwan in the past few months, as might have been expected by those who know China's feelings about the island. It is much less easy to define any concessions that China might think it worth making to improve relations with Mos-

#### MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT ON THE INDEX

£13,950 a year plus expenses, amount and the recommen-are poor paid compared with dation would or would not be most of their fellow legis-lators in the industrialized world and compared, in parthe independent reports was ticular, with the fat cats at commissioned. They are now Strasbourg. Domestic com- undertaken at irregular interparisons give a similar im- vals by the Review Body on pression: when MPs got their. Top Salaries, It was thought latest rise last summer the that a more thorough and department in a third tier could be conducted that way. local authority was getting It was also thought that it about the same and has shot up since.

It is not so much that the public grudges them their pay as that governments are fearful of the effect of a substantial rise upon other claimants. Even this government, newly elected in a mood to discountenance all incomes policies, tried to spread a recommended rise over three years as an example, only to provoke a backbench revolt.

From time to time the House appoints a select committee or passes a motion to rectify the position. Still the rate remains low and its upward mobility sluggish. To get a higher place in the earnings league they would have done better to place their affairs in the hands of

Mr Clive Jenkins. . . The select committee that reported this week is not concerned with the amount but with ways of fixing the amount. Two ways have been tried and one recommended. After the first apologetic authorization by members of Parliament to pay themselves a stipend out of national funds in 1911, the Ministry or a committee of the House would from time to time make

Members of Parliament, on a recommendation as to the taken in the last year of a amount and the recommenimplemented.

Then, in 1963, the first of

would help to take the question out of politics, a vain hope. The House still has to still has to make provision for it in the estimates, so the old stickiness and embarrass-ments still surround the pro-

cedures. Those are the two ways that have been tried. The recommended way, recommended inter alia by a resolution of the House, is to go for linkage; tie the rate to that of say, an assistant secretary in the civil service, then sit back and watch it go up.
The latest select committee

has gone for a combination of wants regular reviews in depth by the Review Body on Top Salaries to consider changes in work load and in what might be regarded as the appropriate level of pay and allowances; and it wants "interim linkage", or automatic annual adjustments between reviews by reference. to the nearest percentile in the Department of Employment's New Earnings Survey. It would like the major reviews to be held and decisions arising out of them

Parliament, thus sparing the freshly elected members their blushes as they vote themselves more money. This is a little too pat. The

vehicle for riding the inflationary road is too well sprung for the type of passenger it carries. MPs need primarily more generous alhead of a recreation parks more impartial examination lowances for defraying exthe performance of their duties. To do their work they need to have better facilities and assistance than is now at authorize payment of the the disposal of most of them. money and the Government And there is no objection to that element in their remuneration being indexed for inflation once the level is properly determined. Their salaries too, which

ought to be middling, deserve to go up a bit. After that, however, there is a lot to be said for stickiness in the procedure for adusting them. While the Civil List for royal expenses should be adjusted for inflation with the minimum fuss, the rate of salary paid from public funds to members of Parliament methods two and three. It should be adjusted with the maximum of fuss. It may be a primitive view, but it is surely a sound one, that the elected collective in the Palace of Westminster, unlike the family in Buckingham Palace, is uniquely (though far from exclusively) responsible for the social evil of a debased currency; that it has unique (though not absolute) authority to palliate the mischief; and that it has no business to fix itself up with a lifeboat until it has taken the passengers off.

#### Young offenders

From Dr Harriet Wilson Sir, A new clause has been tabled to the Criminal Justice Bill which would allow the courts to order young offenders aged 10-21 to stay at home between 6 pm and 6 am on weekdays and from noon at weekends.

This clause adds to the measures which are embodied in clauses 22 and 23 of the Criminal Justice Bill, all of which in effect enable the courts to impose sanctions upon parents. I do not wish to comment on the justice of relieving young offenders of the responsibility for paying a fine or compensation and imposing this payment on parents, or of imposing upon parents the onerous duty of guarding teenag-ers or young adults while under house arrest. My concern is merely to question the effective-

ness of such measures.

This finding appears to support for themselves.

a policy of legal measures designed to strengthen the authority of parents. But the matter is not as simple as that. The parents who supervise their children's activities do so because they have ideas about what is right and what is wrong. Their children receive two sorts of message first, that certain kinds of behaviour are undesirable, and secondly, that certain children are not behaving in a manner that would warrant closer acquaintance. The technique of strict supervision of the younger child into

grows older. Two factors contribute to the success of responsible parenting - material resources and parental resourcefulness. Gross and persistent poverty means that children are prevented from taking part in any activities that cost money and from developing

imposed control as the child

hobbies and special interests.

The art of supervising children in high-crime areas depends to a large extent on offering alternatives to the excitements of street life. This does not mean that families in poverty do not supervise their children, we have interviewed many families on subsistence incomes who persist in keeping up behavioural stan-dards. But when poverty is coupled with parental illness or disability, as it often is, then parental resources are drained, and the attention of parents is focused on survival. Their children learn at an early age to fend

It is obvious that court orders to pay their children's fines or to supervise curfew would not alter the predicament of these parents. What is needed is the relief of poverty. What to do with their children, once delinquent, is one of the seemingly intractable problems that led to the collapse of the rehabilitative ideal among reformers.

Lax parenting methods of better-off families present very different problems. Laxness is not always a form of negligence. Parents often try to compensate their children for the harshness experienced in their own childhoods. These parents would benefit from access to educators with whom they could discuss behavioural problems. This could be a function of the staffs of nursery groups, or of infant and junior schools. It could be provided in some forms of daycare for young offenders.

If lasting contacts could be made with staffs in the form of dialogues to explore the con-straints of the environment, the hang-ups of tradition and fashion, and the growing pressures of the current economic crisis, then there is hope that something useful could emerge for parents.

Yours sincerely. HARRIET WILSON, Visiting Fellow, University of Warwick, Department of Sociology,

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Jewish state against their will".

today on the West Bank. That pledge still holds and Lord

Carrington is still bound by it.

Sir, The letter of David Astor and

others (March 19) includes the

baseless charge that the Israel

authorities are denying the human right to education of the

Arab students in the territories under Israel's administration.

The closure of Bir Zeit Univer-

sity was a result of repeated

violent activities by the students, culminating in the physical attack

on a visiting education official.

The university authorities claimed they were unable to guarantee the keeping of the peace on campus or the physical security of visitors.

As Mr Astor and his friends are aware, Israel has encouraged

and assisted higher education for

the local population by enabling the upgrading of high schools to university status, there having been no universities in the area

prior to the establishment of the Israel military administration.

Today there are four such institutions which, in addition to

local students, include more than 1,000 undergraduate students

from neighbouring Arab Countries and double that number

In the absence of a readiness or ability of the Bir Zeit authorities to discipline or con-trol the riotous behaviour of the

student body (activities which I believe would not be tolerated at

any British university without

sanction), the authorities had no

from Israel itself.

Yours faithfully,

d'Affaires, a.i.

ANTHONY NUTTING

11/2 Disbrowe Road, W6.

From the Israeli

That is precisely the issue

Charge

#### Watching brief on cable television

From Mr David Widdicombe, QC Sir, There is an aspect of cable television which has not been mentioned in any of the current enthusiastic reporting about it. As I discovered when I was in the United States recently, where cable TV is installed, the operating company can and does keep a computerised record of the viewing habits of all its subscribers. It can tell who watches what and when.
I hope the Government inquiry

will examine this "1984" aspect of the system as well as the obvious benefits. Yours sincerely, DAVID WIDDICOMBE, 2 Mitre Court Buildings,

March 23,

From Mr Rory Johnston Sir, The report on the future of cable systems published today (March 22) by the Prime Minister's Information Technology Advisory Panel presents an exciting glimpse of the many possible services to the public these developments will offer. However, one serious implication does not seem to have been considered at all by the Governconsidered at all by the Government. Cable services will greatly emcourage the spread of "electronic mail", whereby communications at present sent by letter will be delivered along the cable electronically, in an instant and at a fraction of the cost.

Electronic mail can therefore be expected to take away a large

part of the Post Office's current part of the rost of the post is an essential public service and will continue to be while many people do not have a connection to a cable or the necessary terminal equipment. How can the Post Office survive with its revenue drastically cut while its costs stay the same? The postman has to

walk past your house whether he has any letters for you or not.
Clearly a coordinated policy has to be thought out for all these communications services taken together. This is more difficult to achieve rather than less now that British Telecom and the Post Office have been separated. The Government has not contemplated the problem yet, and it must do so without delay.

Yours faithfully, R. J. D. JOHNSTON, 49 Upper Park Road, NW3.

#### National Service From Mr Christopher I. D.

Simpson Sir, I read with interest Mr Desmond Neligan's letter (March 18), concerning the use of National Service. He questioned the viability of commencing a new call-up campaign but, alas, I fear that that is as far as such dreams will go. As he points out, in the late

1950s everyone acce scription as a way of life, but after such a long break a national bout of anarchy and apathy would greet any new suggestions of National Service.

At a time when all one hears about is how the Services are being cut back, and how the dole queue is growing, one could hardly expect youths to sign up-for service only to sit around doing nothing for a majority of the time, when they can do that out of uniform.

People that do want a taste of

Service life have the chance to join such organizations as the Ferritorials. Should a new era of conscription begin then this country would experience vast displays of anarchy, probably in the form of demonstrations and street riots, similar to those that we endured last summer.

In a period of much discontent amongst the younger members of the population one couldn't expect them to join the Services as another alternative to the dole queue or job creation schemes. Yours faithfully.

C. I. D. SIMPSON, Royal Holloway College, University of London, Egham Hill, Egham, Surrey.

#### Italian mail delays

From Mr David McCormick Sir, Your correspondents who grumble (March 18, 20) about the Italian mail delays may simply be unlucky. Certainly, most of my own correspondence to and from Italy takes four or five days; and the record is an express packet from a small town half way down the Adriatic, which took a mere 29 hours from nost office to front 29 hours from post office to front

known by foreigners — and the extra postage is £1.50, not the £1 claimed by one of your correspondents. Yours faithfully,

DAVID McCORMICK, 122 Cambridge Street, SW1.

Death of a newspaper

Sir, Your article by Alan Hamil-

ton (March 18) on the closure of

the Nottingham News is inaccur-

ate in its reporting and for a

paper of your standing remark-

considerable length and the

company of which I am managing

director, yet you did not even

have the courtesy to elicit our

The strike in 1973 was not

caused by our determination to

introduce the latest printing

technology against the union's

will: the in-putting by journalists direct into computer did not in fact take place in this company until 1976. The strike was caused

solely through an inter-union dispute regarding who did what

version of the facts.

You have referred to me at

From Mr C. G. Pole-Carew

#### Arab unrest in the West Bank should be made the subjects of 2

From Sir Anthony Nutting Sir, The unrest on the West Bank, reported so graphically by your correspondent over the past few days, reflects unquestionably the natural desire of the Palestinians to be free from alien occupation. The high-handed dismissal by the Israeli occupation of the democratically elected municipal council of El-Bireh which sparked the latest riots was just another example of the repression meted out to the Palestinians by their conquerors over the past 15 years, and demonstrates the duplicity of Mr Begin's pretentions to offer autonomy to the West Bank in accordance with the requirements of the Camp David agree-

In this situation is it really

proper or wise for Lord Carring-ton to visit Israel, as he shortly proposes to do, for the purpose of improving Anglo-Israeli re-lations? Will such a visit at such a time not cause grave offence and suspicion not only to the Arab states and the Palestinians but to the entire Third World? latest shootings of unarmed civilians by Israeli troops and the dismissal of the El-Bireh municipal council have been roundly condemned by the Israeli Labour opposition and by wide sections of the Israeli press. However much the Foreign Secretary may intend, during his visit, to remonstrate privately with Mr Begin about these repressions, the fact remains that his arrival now on a mission of friendship will be seen through-out the Arab and Third Worlds as out the Arab and I firm worlds as condoning Israel's maltreatment of the Palestinians and her contempt for repeated demands by the United Nations for her withdrawal from the occupied

As far as I know, no British Government has eber unsaid the words of the 1939 White Paper, which solemnly proclaimed that the Government would regard it contrary to their obligations to the Arabs under the Mandate, as well as to the assurances which have been given to the Arab people in the past, that the Arab population of Palestine

# alternative other than closure. To describe this as penalization of the students "for no fault of their own", is a grave misrepresentation both of Israel's motives and the situation prevail-

ing at Bir Zeit. Yours faithfully, YOAV BIRAN, Embassy of Israel, 2 Palace Green, W8.

#### Vatican relations

territories.

From Professor Colonel G. I. A. D. Draper Sir. Your Religious Affairs Correspondent concludes his article, "Full relations with Vatican resumed" (March 18),

vatican resumen" (March 18); with the following sentence:
Technically relations are established with the Holy See, an entity in international law independent of the Vatican State which was granted recognition by the international community by the Congress of Vienna in 1815.

That is a curious observation which marks some confusion of the international law position today of the Vatican State, the Holy See, and its incumbent the Supreme Pontiff. The Lateran Treaty of 1929, concluded between Italy and the Holy See, in article 2 provided:
Italy recognizes the sovereignty of the
Holy See in the international domain
as an attribute inherent in its nature,
in accordance with its traditions and
with the requirements of its mission

in the world . . . By article 26 of that treaty Italy

recognized the state of the Varican City, in international law, under the sovereignty of the Supreme Pontiff. Thereby the Lateran Treaty created a new international law state personslity, the Vatican City, with the incumbest of the Holy See, the Supreme Pontiff, as its Head of State. That state is quite a distinct international law personality from that of the Holy See, a non-state international law personality. Thus international law knows

of a state, sovereign and independent, namely, the Vatican City, and a Head of that state, the incumbent for the time being of the Holy See, namely, the Supreme Pontiff. Both are international law persons, but only the Vatican City is a personality and is the disturbing thought that the disturbing thought that the disturbing thought that

annexation of the papel states by the Kingdom of Italy in 1870, when the Popes were monarchs of them and, as such, equal with all other monarchs of that time, but unique in being also heads of the universal Church. The papel states, or the patrimony of St. Peter, can rest its creation from the time of Pepin-le-Bref and Charlemagne.
I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

G. L. A. D. DRAPER, 16 Southover High Street, Lewes, Sussex. March 18,

member without cost to the

#### Homes safeguard From Mr J. Bick

Sir, I write in reference to the article appearing on page 14 of today's (March 22) Times in which you refer to the discussion which you refer to the discussion paper on home improvements which has been published by the Office of Fair Trading. You refer to the problem of long-term guarantees, and the position which arises when a company ssuing such a guarantee ceases to trade. Members of the British Wood

Preserving Association and the British Chemical Dampcourse Association have long been worried by a manifest weakness in long-term guarantees. For example, a contractor employed example, a contractor employed to eradicate insect or fungal attack, or to install a damp course, may issue a 30-year "guarantee" and then, within a few months, go out of business. The customer, despite the ostensible protection of the guarantee, has no recourse if the work fails has no recourse if the work fails to be effective during the lifetime of the guarantee. To protect the public, this

Incidentally, express letters association has acted as a catalyst from the United Kingdom now go by "Swiftair" — an oddity, in that "swift" is a word very little as its own and the BCDA's members are concerned. The essence of the scheme is that participating member will subscribe a substantial annual sum to a trust fund which will finance retreatment in any property under guarantee by a

in the manufacture of printing

plates. One in five of our union

staff felt sufficiently strongly in favour of the company's position

that they resisted a three-line whip by the unions and remained

On the subject of the 1978 walkout by one-third of our

journalistic staff, your reporter completely overlooks that the

other two-thirds voted against

any such strike on two separate

occasions, since the company was

at the time paying £1,000 a year more than the money for which

the journalists were striking — and with an increase in the

I cannot comment on the

Nottingham News except to note

without comment that a paper

that has been for all practical

purposes dead on its feet for two

years, has now at last been decently buried.

loyal to their newspaper.

offing.

owner, if the member responsible has gone out of business. Insurers have agreed to underwrite the scheme and we believe that it will give the public greater confidence in the long-term guarantees issued by participat-ing companies. Such partici-pation will be limited to the members of the two associations. The scheme will operate quite independently of the two associations and for some time the acting trustees have been in discussion with the Office of Fair Trading and the Department of Trade to finalise the details. It is hoped that the scheme can commence to operate in the late

Insofar as the turnover in timber treatment companies is concerned, it is a condition of membership of this association that the companies applying shall have been substantially engaged in our field for a period of not less than three years. If they are able to comply with this require-ment they are subjected to a stringent examination as to their technical competence, and it is a source of satisfaction that the number of failures in member companies over the years has been very modest in relation to the overall membership.

Yours faithfully, I. BICK. Director, British Wood Preserving Association, Premier House,

150 Southampton Row, WC1.

such action by those who did not

Meanwhile, the Evening Post

and its staff continue to produce good newspapers: the lack of

union membership in the com-

pany is regretted, but has been

Nottingham.

March 19.

have to suffer the consequences.

#### They were good journalists

and

who left us and we were sorry to see them go. Even after this time I still wish them well as individuals, but am saddened that they could have been led to Cardiff

= 6.5 column centimetres

40 Fellows of the Royal Society = 5.5 column centimetres. Hence,

33, and 6 × 5.5 FRS 1 DHSS = 8 FRS.

University College,

occasioned by the print unions' taking their membership from them for no reason than to continue a pointless vendetta. Yours sincerely, C. G. POLE-CAREW, Managing Director, T. Bailey Foreman Limited, Foreman Street,

#### Incident in the Falklands

From Air Commodore B. G. Frow Sir, The recent illegal landing in Sur, the retent megal leading of South Georgia by a group of Argentine scrap merchants, followed by the raising of the Argentine flag on this British territory, highlights the vital need to retain a British naval presence in the South Atlantic.

presence in the South Atlantic.
In this incident, HMS Endurance was alerted and could have intervened if the "invaders" had not peacefully withdrawn. After the withdrawal of this ship, 42 Royal Marines will be the sole British military presence in the South Atlantic, and without a ship they cannot exert British influence outside their base in the Falklands.

the Falklands.
In 1977, the illegal occupation of South Thule by Argentine military "specialists" was a warning shot and, in 1982, is now followed by this provocative demonstration. Argentina has publicly welcomed the withdrawal of HMS Endurance as a sign of goodwill by Britain. It is still not too late to cancel this madness. too late to cancel this madness. Yours faithfully,

B. G. FROW, Honorary Secretary, United Kingdom Falkland Islands Committee Greycoat Place, SW1.

#### Romans and morals

From the Reverend Eric Mathie-

son

Sir, When you have been discredited, to claim a morel victory is just part of the game; and Mrs Mary Whitehouse's version of the withdrawal of the prosecution's case against The Romans in Britain really cannot be allowed to go unchallenged.

She claims that she has established an important point of

established an important point of law. She has, of course, done nothing of the kind. Mr Justice Staughton's rulings in this case are open to dispute and it will still have to be tested whether or not a judge's rulings after a nolle

prosequi are binding.

What Mrs Whitehouse has achieved is to make it likely that there will be an amendment to the Theatres Act to ensure that private prosecutions like her own will no longer be possible. For this we must be grateful to her.

More serious is her apparent claim, yet again, to be the guardian of the nation's morals. Her theology in this respect is quite misconceived. It is an axiom of Christian moral teach-

This would appear to be a that the year of stress and different position from that anguish that she has inflicted on the three Bogdanov and his family is a reasonable price to pay for the points that she was anxious to make. I cannot agree with her. Compassion and charity may sometimes be inconvenient but, for someone acting from a Christian conscience, they must surely be paramount. Yours faithfully,

ERIC MATHIESON, Vicar of St Alphege, Southwark, and Chaplain to the National

Theatre, National Theatre, South Bank, SE1. March 22

#### Surgeon's hungry allies From Mr S. Cresswell

Sir, Mr Dencer (March 23) tells us some interesting things about leeches. But you also find them in Burms, as many members of the Fourteenth Army and XV Indian Corps will testify. They were also to be found on BBC2 on the very day that Mr Dencer's letter was published and

on the back of Bogart at that! I'am, Sir, your obedient servant, S. CRESSWELL, 32 Manor Road Extension, Oadby, Leicester.

#### Upstaged

From Mr Laurier Lister Sir, On page 13 of last Friday's edition (March 19) of The Times Preview it was stated that the "first staged version of the legendary MGM film, The Wizard of Oz, opens in London next week".

In 1969, when I was in charge of the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, Guildford, I presented it there for the Christmas season. I too found obtaining the rights very difficult; it took me well over six months to obtain them. Yours faithfully, LAURIER LISTER.

Shamley Green, Surrev. March 20.

#### Measure for measure

From the Principal and the Vice-Principal (Administration) and Registrar, University College,

Sir, On page 12 of your issue of March 19, 6 Downe House School scholars

DHSS 40 × 6.5 260

Is this the new mathematics or the new technology? Yours etc.

C. W. L. BEVAN. L, A. MORITZ, Cardiff, March 20.

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on rever to find Mainter writing about



# COURT AND SOCIAL

#### **COURT** CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 24: Mr R. B. Dorman was
received in audience by The
Queen this morning and kissed
hands upon his appointment as
British High Commissioner to
the Republic of Vanuatu.
Mrs Dorman had the honour of
being received by Her Majesty.
His Excellency Monsteur
Arouna Mounkeila was received
in audience by The Queen and
presented the Letters of Recall of
his predecessor and his own

presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Niger to the Court of St James's. His Excellency was accompanied by the following Member of the Embassy, who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Monsieur Abdou Adamou (Attache).

Madame Mounkeila had the onour of being received by The

Queen.
Mr Patrick Wright (Deputy Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), who had the honour of being received by Her Majesty was present, and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

in attendance.

Mr J. E. Jackson was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plempotentiary at Brussels. tentiary at Brussels.

Mrs Jackson had the honour of being received by The Queen.

The Prime Minister of India (Mrs Indira Gandhi) had the

Forthcoming

Mr C. N. Kelly and Miss P. J. Pickthorn

Mr A. M. Bathgate and Miss A. I. Parrack

The engagement is announced

The engagement is announced hetween Crispin, third son of Mr Bernard and Lady Mirabel Kelly, of 28 Carlyle Square, London, SW3, and Frances, younger daughter of Sir Charles Pickthorn, Bt, and Lady Pickthorn, of 3 Hobury Street, London, SW10.

and Miss A. I. Parrack
The engagement is announced
between Andrew only son of Mr
and Mrs Donald Bathgate, of
Whitchurch, Cardiff, and Anne,
younger daughter of Mrs Isobel
Cartwright and stepdaughter of
Mr Ronald Cartwright, of Esber,
Surrey.

Mr. A. G. Evans and Miss E. S. Hollingworth

Mr A. P. W. Fisher and Miss A. B. Green

Buckinghamsbire.

The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Mr and Mrs G. A. Evans, of Chislehurst, Kent, and Sara, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. F. Hollingworth, of Ashford in the Water, Derbyshire.

and Miss A. D. Green
The engagement is announced
between Andrew, son of Mr and
Mrs Philip Fisher, of Melyern,
Wortestershire, and Alison, elder
daughter of Mr and Mrs Roy
Green, of Gertards Cross,
Ruckinghamphic

Mr M. A. J. Frisoli
and Miss J. F. Beckerleg
The engagement is announced
between Michael son of Mr and
Mrs A Frisoli, of Canton,
Massachusetts, United States,
and Johannah daugher of The
Rev Barzillei and Mrs Beckerleg.

of The Chaplains House, St Mary's School, Wantage, Oxford-

The engagement is announced between Antony, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Gay, of Turnpike

House, Dodington Ash, Avon, and Emma, elder daughter of Mrand Mrs. Peter Haynes, of 16. Claremont Gardens, Tunbridge

Edinburgh Mr David Steel, MP, leader of the Liberal Party and a former president of the students' rep-

resentative council at Edinburgh University, has been elected Rector of the University for 1982-85.

London
Mr Maurice F Shutler to be a visiting professor of operational research at the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Grants
Departments of Environment and
Transport: £81.463 to Drs A McCown
and 6 / Andrawes for research into the
development of design-approaches to
hold fabric systems
twience and Engineering Research
trouncil: £65.124 to Professor D S
Leaching company

Strathclyde

Mr A. P. J. Gay and Mise E. M. Haynes

University news

marriages

honour of being invited to luncheon with Her Majesty.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present.

The Queen, Patron, this afternoon opened the Alexandra Wing of the London Hospital, Whitechapel.

Having been received upon

Whitechapel.
Having been received upon arrival by the Mayor of Tower Hamlets (Councillor Mrs E. Thompson) and the Chairman, City and East London Area Hamlets (Councillor Mrs E.
Thompson) and the Chairman, ter was represented by Mr Peter City and East London Area Health Authority (Teaching). (Mr F. M. Cumberlege), Her Majesty unveiled a commemorative plaque and toured the new Wing.
Lady Abel Smith, Mr Robert Fellowes and Squadron Leader Adam Wise were in attendance.
The Duke of Edinburgh, attended by Lord Rupert Nevill, arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, this evening in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight Royal Highness, as President of the World Wildlife Fund International, presided at an Executive Committee Meeting of the Fund in Gland.
The Queen's Fright Savoy Hotel.
Lieuten ant-Commander Richard Buckley, RN was in attendance.

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The Queen was represented by Colonel Peter Hilton (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Derbyshire) at the Memorial Service for Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Ian Walker-Okeover, Bt. (formerly Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Derbyshire) which was held in the Cathedral Church of All Saints, Derby, this afternoon.

CLARENCE HOUSE

March 24: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Army Medical Corps, was today entertained at luncheon by

Captain V. R. Law
and Miss C. Godman Irvine
The engagement is announced
between Victor, elder son of Mr
Harold Law and the late Mrs
Anthea Nora Law of Denner Hill,
Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire, and Carola, younger
daughter of Mr and Mrs Bryant
Godman Irvine, of Great Ote
Hall, Wivelfield, Sussex.

Mr A. R. MacNeil and Mrss S. Collins.
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs R. MacNeil, of Great Bookham, Surrey, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs P. T. Collins, of Ilkley, West Yorkshire.

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs G. B. Milsom, of Cookham Dean, Barkshire, presently of Singapore, and Emily, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. J. White, of Marlow, Buckinghamshire.

The engagement is announced in Australia between Jim, son of Mr and Mrs Aubyn Prower, of Lymington, Hampshire, and Deirdre, daughter of Mr and Mrs Vincent Marmion, of Bristol.

Mr J. Prower and Miss D. J. Marmion

Mr.A. G. Milen and Miss E. R. White

KENSINGTON PALACE March 24: The Duke of Glouces-

Attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, as Controller Commandant, today received Brigadier Helen Meechie on her appointment as Director of the Women's Royal Army Corps and Brigadier Anne Field on relinquishing the appointment.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Major C. H. Waterhouse (High Sheriff of Derbyshire.

The Duke of Kent has accepted an invitation to become chairman of the United Kingdom Committee for European Music Year

The 151st annual general meeting of the Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies will be held on Tuesday, April 6, at 1

Memorial services

The Queen was represented by Colonel Peter Hilton, Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire, and the Duke of Edinburgh by Major Hugo Waterhouse, high Sheriff of Derbyshire, at a memorial service for Sir Ian Walker-Okeover, held westerday in Derby

service for Sir Ian Walker-Okeover held yesterday in Derby Cathedral. The Prince of Wales was represented by the Duke of Devonshire. The Very Rev B. Lowers, Provost of Derby, officiated, assisted by the Ven Jack Richardson, Canon Paul Miller, who led the prayers, and the Bishop of Derby, who pronounced the blessing. Sir Peter Walker-Okeover (son) read the lesson. Among others present were:

Lynington, Hampshire, and Deirdre, daughter of Mr and Mrs Viceant Marmion, of Bristol.

Mr H. R. Rees and Miss V. C. Harvey
The engagement is announced between Hugh Richard, elder son of Dr and Mrs D. E. Rees, of Beeston, Nottinghemshire, and Virginia Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. L. Harvey, of Breaston, Derbyshire.

Mr P. Waghers and Miss J. A. Tatham The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs M. Waghorn, of Brill, Bucking-humshire, and Jane, daughter of the late Mr P. Tatham and of Mrs J. Davey, of Monmouth, Gwent.

Mr S. A. F. Wethered and Miss C. H. Phillips
The engagement is announced between Simon, younger son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Wethered of Bedford, New York, and Phillips, of Houston, Texas, and Phillips, of Katomah, New York.

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Luncheons

St Stephen's Constitutional Club

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Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP,
Chancellor of the Exchequer,
was entertained at luncheon
yesterday by members of the
political committee of St
Stephen's Constitutional Club.
Lord Chelmer, president of the
club, presided.

British-Soviet Chamber of Com-

merce
The British-Soviet Chamber of
Commerce gave a luncheon
yesterday in honour of Mr V. I.
Simakov, of the Soviet Ministry
for Foreign Trade; ai the Hyatt
Cariton Tower Hotel. Mr Ralph
French presided. Those present
included:

The president, Mr Douglas Smae and members of the Rotary Club of London entertained Mr Alan Wiffen, Regional Organizer for Cancer Relief, to a luncheon at the Café Royal yesterday.

Receptions

A £6,000 expedition mounted the most interesting of the by the Natural History Museum and Kingston Polycovered, according to Mrtechnic has brought back Cyril. Walker, of the from Mali in west Africa, the museum's department of palaeontology, who led the lieved to be 60 million years

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It requires three people to lift it, has no head or feet, is three feet long and is a valuable addition to the museum's collections.

Although the turtle is the found in the world, collected most impressive specimen fish skulls from a geological level at: which fossils had not previously been found, and M Beaumont-Dark, the Hon Robert Boscawen, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr J Fraser, Mr M Marshall, Mr Gordon Oakes and Mr Reginald Frentice (Members of Farhament); Mr J Bergin, chairman of the promotion and development committee, Mr T S T Cookson, member of council, Mr C J Coulson-Thomas, member of

local centres committee, Mr. G Smith, immediate past presiden Mr. R. F. W. Walwin, Mrs. J. G. Slade

education secretary, and Mr J H Tresman, executive director and secretary (members of the

Anglo Jordanian Society

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The Duke of Kent, co-patron of the Anglo Jordanian Society, attended the annual dinner hald last night at the Savoy Hotel and was welcomed by Princess Basma Bint Talal. Among the other

Billi 1819. Famous and Mme guests were: Ambansdor and Mme last Melloy Lord and Lady Melloy Lord and Lady Westbury. Sir Stephes and Lady Muller and Sir Frederic Benned MP, chairman of the society, and Lady

Mr. William Whitelaw, Secretary of State for the Home Department, was the guest of honour at the London dinner of the United Kingdom Agricultural Supply. Trade Association Ltd. (Ukusta), held last night at the Inter-Continuated Hotel. The president Mr.

mental Hotel. The president, and Martin F. George, the deputy president. Mr Christopher F. Pertwee, and the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department of Industry, Mr John MacGregor, were the speakers.

International Maritime Industries

The International Maritime Industries Forum held a dinner last night at Kielnwort, Benson Limited, 20 Fenchurch Street. The chairman, Mr J. G. Davis, was in the chair and among those present were:

Forum , and the

Miss Lorraine Gray and Mr William Lindsay at the museum with the turtle.

Second resting place in 60m years

By Kenneth Gosling

and a mammal.

Unhappily, fossils are much sought after by entreof the most talked about commercial successes since preneurs. Fortunately, however, mu-

came back with fossils of

lobsters, crabs, fish, reptiles

seums operate an exchange scheme so that any duplicates acquired, for example, by the Natural History Museum can be swopped with other establishments. All the team faces now is several years' work patiently sorting, restoring and cata-

Central and South

Middlesex Law Society

At the annual general meeting of the Central and South Middlesex Law Society held last night at the Law Society's Hall the following officers were elected:
President: Mr D. Kennett Brown;
Vice-president: Mr S. B. Hammett;
Secretary: Mr G. Summer-hayes.

London Solicitors Litigation Association

Ascot

The Council of Heathfield School, Ascot, autounce the appointment of Mrs Sarah Watkins as headmistress in September, 1982.



Mr Peter Walker, the Minister of Agriculture,

Basketmakers' Company
The Basketmakers' Company
held an admissions court and
dinner last night at Grocers' Hall.
The speakers at the dinner were
Mr C. Derek Wootton-Woolley,
Rear-Admiral H. C. N. Goodhart,
Master of the Grocers' Company,
and Mr. Dennis J. Robinson,
Prime Warden of the Basket
makers' Company.

The following have been elected officers of the London Solicitors Litigation Association: President: Mr Thomas H. Seager Berry; Ronorary Treasurer: Mr Anthony J. Benbow; Honorary Secretary: Mr Arthur B. S. Welr.

Heathfield School

Birthdays today



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Mr Humphrey Burton, 51; Dame Bridget D'Oyly Carte, 74; Professor Sir Raymond Firth, 81; Lieutenant-General Sir James Glover, 53; Lord Hemingford, 78; Mr David Hicks, 53; Professor Sir Norman Jeffcoste, 75; Lord Jessel, 78; Mr Elton John, 35; Major-General S. W. Joslin, 83; Sir Geoffrey Keynes, 95; Mr David Lean, 74; Sir Bernard Miller, 78 Mr Peter Orchard, 55; Sir Kenneth Peopiatt, 89; Sir George Pope, 80; Mr A. M. Ouinton, 57; Mr A. J. P. Taylor, 76; Sir Frank Young, 74.

# was in the chair and among those present were: Mr Iain Spreat, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department of Irade, Mr P Brongniart, Director de la Floite de Commerce Milistere de Mer, Paris, Mr S. Register of Shipsing, Str. Department of Transport, Chairman, Petrananent Ser, Department of Transport, Mr Hawkes, vice-chairman, Kleinwort, Benson Limited, Mr S. Rigethi, Japan Ship Centire, Sir James Dunout, Mr B P Shaw, Farness Wilhy, the Rev W J Down general accoulary, Missions to Soamen; Mr O Hoegh, Leit Hoesh and Company, Mr W Lee, Marine Navigation Company, Professor R Sioodier, Mr John T Essberger and Mr R Rilan, HP Shipping Limited incobers of IMIF; and other representatives of John T Essberger and the R Banker of IMIF; and other representatives of James and other paties. Society of Company and Commercial Accountants Mr Martin Stevens, MP, was host at a dinner held at the House of Commons last night. The president, Mr D. E. Evans, presided and among those present were: Lord Ponsonby of Shulbrede; Mr D Anderson, Mr N Baker, Mr A

Miss Margaret Vokins to be headmistress of Wentworth Mil-ton Mount School, Bournemonth, from September 1.

£200,524

White, Mr Bertram Samuel, of Weybridge, Surrey.....£211,271

Wills, Mr Dagnall George, of Westminster....£390,930 of slow left-arm spinning (a skill lost to the British), there will be great exhibitions devoted to the monuments of India built by Sir be urged to eat at this restaurant not two minutes from this cinema.

This column is warmly

Among those present were:

Among those present were:

Sir Bernard Braine, MP, Sir Wector,
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Lisa Campbell, MP, Mr Willian
Hamilton, MP, Mr Geoffrey Lofthouse, MP, Mr Robert McTaggart, MP,
Mr Dayld Marshall, MP, Dr Maurice
Miller, MP, Mr Cilve Soley, MP, Mr
Isa Stewart, MP, Dr Douglas Latte,
chalrman of the board of governors of
the British Safety Council, Mr James

Dinners

ing a six-bour display of temple finger-bell dancing, on Sunday mornings at the Barbican, for which a few tickets are still left.

The festival will give employees the still give employees the sti

experts who can write programme notes, and talking heads who can go on television and give a concise account of an aspect of Indian art in about 12 minutes without going over the heads of the Nationwide audience or blushing violenty. This is good. Any festival

print or that the BBC World Service phoned while they were out. But it is hard and expensive work bolstering the pride of men and women who were once in perpetual demand and are now remaindered intellects. We can, to a certain extent, retrain them as Darwinologists or people who used to know lames Joyce. We can find obscure American colleges willing to look after them for a year. We can get them knight

But this work needs money, and for that we need you. If you have ever wondered what happens to superannuated dons, give generously to the Moreover Home, where these wonderful old folk still pursue their opinionated quarrels over the instant coffee and write unpublished letters to The Times.

Lord.M writes:

Relatedly scanning Ronald Bell's obituary in your columns I was astounded to read that "he always stood on the right wing" on the issue of capital punishment, since his name had first caught my attention some years ago as author of an article in the Bow Group quarterly Crossbow arguing But this work needs

autumn we shall be looking after a flood of Indian culture refugees, jobless, programmeless and sinecure-

Please help it to continue.

Sir Keith Showering, Chairman and Chief Executive of Allied-Lyons P.L.C. (formally Allied Breweries Ltd.), a vice-chairman of Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance and a director of the Midland Bank, died suddenly on March 23 at the early age of 51. Keith Stanley Showering was born in Shepton Mallet, Somerset, on August 6. 1930, the son of Herbert and Ada Showering. He was educated at Wells Cathedral School. After a year at Long Ashton Research Station (a' department of Bristol University), learning the chemistry of cider-making, he joined: the family firm with his In recent years, since the father, first working on the sales side and then working with his three uncles on the production of a new quality of perry. The development of successful incorporation of Lyons, he spent much of his

**OBITUARY** 

SIR KEITH SHOWERING

Head of successful food and

drink company

early age of 51.

creative time in building up the Group's interests in Australia and the United States. In 1981 he was knighted for his services to a unique pack and a dramati-

cally successful marketing and advertising campaign industry.

In this full and busy life he also found time to develop many other interests — from the rugby football and barring the rugby football and barring. the rugby football and bring of his early days, to intensely successful cattle breeding, music in general, and opera When Showerings bought in particular, and a keen-Harveys of Bristol in 1966 in particular, and a keen-keith Showering became appreciation of the visual Managing Director of the arts. He was a Trustee of the Harveys Companies and over the London Philharmonic Managing Director of the Glyndebourne Arts Trust and the next seven years they Orchestra. He also greatly multiplied their profits by enjoyed his hobbies of shoot. ing and fishing, and a game

In 1975 Keith Showering of bridge, and a game became Chairman and Chief Keith Showering was a big Executive of what was then man in every sense. He had Allied Breweries and, over vision and warmth and saw the past seven years, presid-life in broad and generous and over the progressive he had out ed over the progressive perspectives. He had outdevelopment of that Group standing gifts for family life
into the present Allied and friendship. He married
Lyons, the tenth largest in 1954 Marie Sadie (nee
British Company and the Golden), who survives him
most broadly based food and with their six children, two
drink group in Europe.

### HERR KONRAD WOLF

Herr Konrad Wolf, the his films reflected their noted East German film maker's strongly held politicity of the East Berlin Academy of Arts since 1965, has died in Berlin aged 56. One of his country's (1968) and its sequel Mama, leading intellectuals, Herr I'm alive (1976), or the Wolf helped to nurse the art of the young East German film to full fruition amid the growing struggles of the new post-war socialist society.

Konrad Wolf was born on October 20, 1925, the eldest

This films reflected their maker's strongly held political and philosophical beliefs, none so strongly perhaps, as the autobiographical I was 19 autobiographical I October 20, 1925, the eldest son of an eminent father, the jewish doctor and left-wing confessed one reason for his

Jewish doctor and left-wing confessed one reason for his playwright, Friedrich Wolf, desire to remake Professor who like Arthur Schnitzler Mamlock. Quoting Luther's before him, placed his medical and psychological skills and experience of anti-semi-tism at the service of the what he felt to be the harm drams. Forced into exile, the done to them in the 1930s by family moved first to France and Switzerland, and then to Russia, where Konrad was to earn military laurels as an officer in the Red Army.

Friedrich Wolf's tragedy of Commander of Bernau, as a Jewish doctor in Nazi Culmral Officer in Military

officer in the Red Army.
Friedrich Wolf's tragedy of a Jewish doctor in Nazi Germany, Professor Mambock, in 1934 and later turned into in Berlin. Few persons were a film in Moscow, was to play better fitted to know the insection of Konrad's life. As an eight-year-old he had acted in form, as in The Divided Sky Wangenbeim's The Fighter (1964), about the divided about Dimitros and he was formative of in The (1964), about the divided parts of Germany, or in The Sunseekers (1958), about atomic rearmament, which enrol in the Moscow Film had to wait 12 years of High School, the first German to do so, as a pupil of heing publicly screened.

Alexandrov and Gerasimov. He had countless honours He had countless honours and decorations heaped on

Returning to Berlin on graduation and exchanging Soviet for GDR citizenship, him and treasured none so closely as the appointment of president of the Academy of Wolf worked as Kurt Maet-zig's assistant on his film Arts at the age of 40, the about Ernst Thaelmann. His youngest man ever to have held the post, following in first original film made in 1955 was a children's musithe footsteps of such eminent Ever since, whether de-rived from life or literature, Johannes R. Becher.

about Dimitrov and he was determined to become a film-director. His father had him

#### SIR GEOFFREY VICKERS

Mr Nevil Johnson writes:

Your obituary for Sir made further wide-ranging.

Geoffrey Vickers, VC, rightly contributions to an underpays tribute to his courage as standing of what is surely filea soldier and his server cardinal makes is surely file-

began to write about the institutions of modern so-ciety and the problems of administration. At least one of his books, The Art of Judgement (1965), is already regarded by many as a classic, offering a humane and perceptive analysis of what it means to make policy with the means to make policy and to make policy and to write about administ and to take decisions within institutional structures which are themselves the necessary conditions of ordered social life. In other works such as

soldier and his great cardinal problem of our time: achievements in public how to devise and sustain affairs. But it is perhaps for institutions for collective his writing that he will be longest remembered. Relatively late in life ha segan to write about the stitutions of modern siety and the problems of the stitutions as, in his own words, symbols of bondage that the state of t rather than as the source of those bonds on which civilised society must depend.

The breadth of his reading

him to write about adminis-trative behaviour and organ clarity. On meeting him one could not fail to be struck by his unfailing courtesy and insatiable intellectual curi-Towards a Sociology of Management (1967), Value Systems an Social Processes who was also an original thinker.

#### SIR RONALD BELL an unflagging opposition to Lord.M writes:

years ago as author of an article in the Bow Group quarterly Crossbow arguing powerfully for the abolition

of the death penalty.

Nor were the "unpopular causes" he espoused necessarily right-wing ones. Although frequently scathing about "gay" exhibitionism and nomenclature, he supported homosexual law reform long before this cause.

legislation making the wearing of crash helmets and seat belts compulsory.

One final point. Although he was not a close acquaint ance, I must question your claim that Ronald Bell was "ant Furgorage". I have many

"anti European". Like many of us he opposed Britain's membership of the EEC but such an attitude has never been incompatible with feel-

# William III silver set fetches £226,800

Latest appointments | Latest wills

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent

Family silver sent for sale by the Stirlings of Keir, in Scotland, made sensational prices at Christie's yesterday. A magnificent pair of William III silver-gilt ewers and a basin (312 oz) made by Benjamin Pyne in 1699 sold for £226,800 (unpublished estimate £100,000-£150,000) to mate £100,000-£150,000) to Asprey's. Christie's described the pieces

christie's described the pieces yesterday as among the most imposing late-seventeenth-century silver to have survived. They are engraved with the arms of the Earl of Kent and his wife, the daughter and heiress of Baron Lucas of Shenfield. The engraving is of outstanding quality and is attributed to a master of this art who is known to have taught George Vertue, but whose name has been discreetly forgotten; he went bankrupt and retired to France.

A silver toilet service made for the Hon Marion Steward, who married James Stirling of Keir in 1704, was also bought by Asprey's, at £172,800 (unpublished estimate £100,000). The 17 picces include a mirror, jewel casket, brushes, a pin-cushion and candlesticks. The set was made by Colin Mckenzie of Edinburgh and is dated 1703. It is the only recorded complete solly recorded complete Scottish toilet service.

Christie's book sale included teenth-century European paintings the top four prices, ranging ings the top four price



The silver-gilt ewers and basin by Benjamin Pyme

Only 4 per cent of the sale of Chester, bidding over the tele-important English silver was left phone from Australia. unsold. In Sotheby's sale of nine-teenth-century European paints

Moreover . . . Miles Kington The Festival of India is now under way. For the next six months the riches of the Indian subcontinent will be on display; experts will explain to us the age-old art of slow left-arm summing (a

soon when he is utterly forgotten by features editor

behind the festival, and indeed we shall be sponsor-

ployment to many Britons skilled in Indian history,

that glorifies the skills of another country and gives employment to this country

But let us never forget the experts who may have thriven in festivals past and now have fallen on lean days.

and programme planner alike. We are thinking of Japanese experts, men who only three months ago were pursued for their knowledge of screen paintings and whose phones now lie silent. We are thinking of the great bonfire experts of Britain, those men and

women whose creations were only last year burning the length and breadth of this island, and who now are lucky if they are asked to light someone's cigarette.

We are thinking even farther back of Chinese experts, men who know all there is to know about Tutankhamun, pundits who knew El Dorado backwards and savants to whom the Viking sagas were second nature. For every Magnus Magnusson who can resume his life in a post-Viking career structure situation, there are a hundred who cannot. For those who can-not win the Norse of the Year

Show, life can be bitter indeed.

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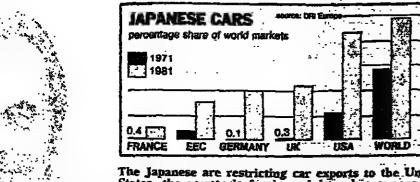
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Car exports cut

The Japanese are restricting car exports to the United States, the country's foreign ministry has announced. Although actual limits are not known, it is thought they will not be higher than the 1.68 million vehicles shipped to the United States last year. Japanese cars captured 9.15 per cent of the United Kingdom market in the first two months of this year compared with 11.47 per cent last year. New registrations in Britain were 4 per cent higher in February at 160,430 against the same month a

#### Move to untangle ACC bids

Barclays Merchant Bank, Heron Corporation's advisers in its contested bid for Associated Communications Corporation, plans to ask ACC's adviser, Standard Chamtered Bank, which bid price it is backing from ACC's other bidder, Mr Robert Holmes a' Court Mr Holmes a' Court's TVW Enterprises has two bids on the table — one worth 110p a share, and another worth 95p. Heron has not yet decided whether to increase its bid — worth 90p per non-voting share — or withdraw.

#### Coal power 'break through'

A world lead in the new generation of coal-fired merchant ships has been won by Doncaster-based Macawber Engineering Group, with a f500,000 order for coal feed systems for two bulk-carriers from Spain's Elcano shipping group. Macawber is supplying systems to all six of the new coal ships at present on order or under construction. The company expects further orders from many other countries including the United States, which is expects to back coal-fired ships strongly.

#### Tough budget for Pru profit South Africa

Against the background of falling gold prices and world recession, Mr Owen Horwood, the South African Finance Minister verserlay presented. Minister, yesterday presented minister, yesterday presented one of the toughest budgets for many years. It included hig incresses in taxes on companies, individuals and luxury goods and tight controls on government spending.

London insurers paid \$123m for Rosses on the Aviation Insurance Offices Association said.

● Victor Company of Japan (JVC), AEG Telefunken of West Germany and Thorn EMI have formed JZT Holdings in Rotterdam to control the manufacture of video products.

· European postal authorities are more restrictive to compethion, than Britain, according to the Association of Inter-national Air Courier Services.

Mitel has extended its contract to supply British Telecom with Private Auto-matic Branch Exchanges • Mitel has extended

#### **MARKET SUMMARY**

#### Lucas fall darkens top 30

FT Index 562.6 down 1.7 FT Gilts 69.13 down 0.42 FT all share 326.04 up 0.29 Bargains 19,893

Lucas industries was an outsianding fall among the top 30 shares, slipping 11p to 197p amid talk that half year results loday would bring gloomy news.

After the apparent recovery in the second half of fast year the market was looking for at seast. market was looking for at least £40m in the current year. But with continuing losses in the electricals division and a flat performance from sercepace activities, the Interim figures are expected to be about £10m pre lax suggesting £25m for the full

Profit takers clipped up to £% off long dated gifts, with mediums around £% easier, but shorts ended unchanged after opening £% better

is being considered. Bestobell put on 18p to 368p

• March cocoa tumbled £30 to £1,009 to tonne and May ended the day £28 down at £1,016, close to the lowest prices for nine months. Prices were depressed by unconfirmed reports that Nigeria, which is believed to have 150,000 tonnes of 1981/2 crop to sell, will be forced by talling oil prices to unload more cocoa

ment until Monday of the International Tin Council talks on export controls, tin prices railled. Cash metal was £38 higher at £7,235 a tonne and three months put on £45 to £7,452.

#### TODAY

Committee hearing on the Post Office. Energy trends; central government borrowing require-ment (fourth quarter); United Kingdom banking sector statistics (fourth quarter); money stock (fourth quarter).

Board meetings. Interims: A and G Security Electronics, Amalga-mated Distilled Products, Fairview Estates, Howden Group, Lucas Inclustries, Saga Holidays, Strong and Fisher, Finals: Automated Security, Banro, Consolidated Industries, BBA Group, Bentrose, BSR, Cambridge Electronics, Electric and General Investments. Friadland Doggart, Leyland Paint and Walipaper, Manders Hold-ings, Bernard Matthews, Metal Closures Group, Noble and Lund, Ocean Transport and Trading, Tricentrol, United Newspapers.

Disappointing results came from the insurance sector yesterday. The Prodential reported profits only marginally higher and Ragle Star pretax gain from 166m to 174m after a £10m rise in underwiring loss to 142.7m. Eagle Star, in which the West German Allianz Versicherungs

matic Branch Exchanges (PABKs) equipment. The mini-mum value of the extension is £15m.

as last week's dawn raider C. W. Bament took its stake to 20 per

cent, picking up the 5 per cent it was allowed to acquire under

Takeover Code rules.
Distillery shares toasted the 52 per cent profits increase at Arthur Bell, with Bell shares 12p higher at 186p and Distillers 4p up at

Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones

Hongkong: Hang Seng Index

CURRENCIES

The French franc spent an unsettled day. The dollar, weaker at first on lower interest rates, recovered ground later. The pound traded quietly on the endefine.

LONDON CLOSE

\$1.8085 up 60 points

Index 114.8 down 0.1 DM 2.3865 up 20 pts.

MONEY MARKETS

• The undertone was slightly

easier among period rates. The Bank's final forecast, was a

3 month interbank 13° 16-137 16 EURO-CURRENCY RATES

3 month dollar 14%-14% 3 month DM 9112-9

\$332,00 up \$2.50

shortage of £700m,

3 month Fr F 29-28

Base rates 13×

Index 91.4 up 0.2

Index 7,194.31 up 96.51.

1,223.38 up 2,2.

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#### LONDON EXCHANGE

year.
Elsewhere company statements brought an optimistic note to an other wise dull equity market, with the FT index closing down 1.7 at

ended unchanged after opening & better.

Engineering group Braby
Leslie shed 3p to 63p after
Anglo-Nordic Holdings subsidiary
CHI Securities took its holding to
26.3 per cent by picking up the
14.5 per cent stake formerly held
by Starwest Investment Holdings.
The board of Braby Leslie has
been assured by Mr Bran
Wolfson CHI director that it is an
investment stake and that no bid
is being considered.

after reporting a 9 per cent boost in profits, but cable maker BICC

#### COMMODITIES

After a quick slide in early morning trading when traders were disappointed by the adjourn-

Industry and Trade Select

# Lift for franc fails to end **EMS** fears

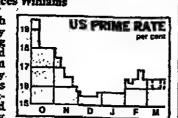
A further rise in French interest rates yesterday finally succeeded in lifting the franc off its permitted floor within the European Monetary System, helped by a weaker dollar, But there is no sign that foreign exchange markets have revised their opinion that an early EMS realignment is on the

Hopes that lower interest rates in the United States may pave the way for further cuts elsewhere in Europe received encouragement from easier short-term American rates and news that a small American bank, Southwest Bank, of St Louis, had cut its prime lending rate from 16½ to 16 per cent.

The Bank of France yester-

last year. The move was widely expected after the bank's decision on Tuesday

franc from its EMS floor of Fed funds rate the United Fr 2.62 against the Deutsche States key money market mark, where it opened trading, as Fr 2.6166 at the Paris Eurodollar rates, though it fixing. It also came off its picked up towards the end of floor against the Dutch trading. After opening in guilder. But renewed pressure from the United States it ended the day 20 points up during the afternoon pushed at DM 2.3865.



it back down to the floor twice more before the franc closed in London 1.6 per cent below its central parity against the Deutsche mark, well clear of the maximum permitted divergence of 2% per cent.

Despite the insistence of M Jacques Delors, the French Finance Minister, that the franc will not be devalued, traders remain unconvinced. day raised its call money rate Many observers feel that an from 17 to 18 per cent, the highest level since October within weeks, if not days.

last year. The move was widely expected after the bank's decision on Tuesday to increase the seven-day treasury discount rate from 18 to 20 per cent.

Euro-franc rates also rose yesterday, reflecting speculation against the currency.

The effect was to lift the most of the day, after a lower franc from its EMS floor of Fed funds rate the United Fr 2.62 against the Deutsche States key money market

# Nigerian curbs cause business confusion

By Rupert Morris

The Kuwait cabinet, at an renewed, and no forms mergency meeting yester, required for the release of lay, discussed the sheik, foreign exchange were to be and no forms

day, discussed the sheik-dom's oil strategy. This coincided with reports. This coincided with reports, that last week's meeting in banks to give details of Vienna of the Organization of foreign exchange committees had clamped an 800,000 barrels a day ceiling on Kuwait's production:

Kuwait had a target of 1.5 million barrels a day for this relatively expensive oil at a year. However, the glut on the international oil market main source of foreign forced it in an actimated currency.

Knwait had a target of 1.5 million barrels a day for this year. However, the glut on the international oil market forced it to an estimated daily average of 655,000 barrels — the lowest in the country's history.

A Knwait Finance Minis-

shed 8p to 335p as profit takens moved in after the company find succeeded in topping the £100m A Kuwaiti Finance Ministry report earlier this week warned that Kuwait, which had a budget surplus of S5,000m last year, will be a state of confusion yesterfacing an annual deficit of at least \$3.5m by the end of the ment's decision to issue no decade even if it managed to furnish letters of credit for recircle in the confusion at important and important at important and important at important and important at important and important and important and important at important and important in the insurance sector Pris-ential were 3p off at 233p and Eagle Star were 4p sasier at 385p effer heavy underwriting Joses.
Fruit and vegetable wholesaler Albert Fisher put on 20 to 48p despite burning in a half-term loss of £20,700 against a profit of £16,500, and calling on shareholders for £385,000 through a one for two rights issue at 20p per share.

There were gains on trading news for Rotorik, 3p better at 51p, Slough Estates, up 10p at 144p and for shoe retailer Charch, 5p shead at 175p.

Meanwhile footwear manufacturer David Scott rose 1p to 29p as last week's dawn raider C. W.

one million barrels a day.

registered.
The Central Bank wants

# Kuwait reviews

maintain its oil production at imports.

one million barrels a day.

British Caledonian, which Nigeria's Central Bank had just concluded an £18m ordered all commercial banks deal to lease a Boeing 747 for on Tuesday that no existing the Nigerian route, said letters of Credit — the means yesterday it was stopping the for financing most imports— carriage of cargo other than were to be extended or personal effects.

# Reagan seeking broad powers over trade

From Bailey Morris, Washington, March 24

at 186p and Distribure 4p up at 176p in sympathy.

A 90 per cent profits boost lifted Rockware 8p to 71p, while Strdar put on 7p to 130p as the Yorkshire-based knitting yarns group raised half year profits from £2.29m to £2.93m pretax and raised its dividend from 1.92p to 2.27p per share.

Pearson Longman shares 22/p per share.

Pearson Longman shares
continued to surge sahead, sat
306p up 15p awaiting terms from
Pearson & Son, 6p better
Equity turnover on March 23
was £180.787 (21,246 bargains). Gareth David OTHER EXCHANGES

The Reagan Administration was worked out earlier this The Reagan Administration was worked out earlier this requested broad, new trade week at a special Cabinet powers from the United meeting at which trade States Congress today but experts argued successfully stopped short of endorsing against new restrictions on conrtoversial protectionist trade in goods which would legislation designed to limit violate the General Agreethe flow of imports into ment on Tariffs and Trade American markets.

American markets. (Gatt).

Mr Brock told members "We must not enact laws who support "recirpocity" which will force United legislation designed to close States trade policy to require United States markets to bilateral, sectoral or productgoods from certain countries by-product reciprocity," Mr that the administraton by-product said, declining to wanted more power to limit endorse legislation introtrade in services but not duced by Senator John trade in products.

The White House position sub-committee.

# Stock Exchange raises charges by only 4.2pc

# Fears over brokers' fees

By Kevin Page The Stock Exchange Council decided yesterday to main-tain minimum commissions on small sales of shares at £7. The original plan envisaged the minimum charge rising to

Last week, the council bowed to pressure from the investing institutions and raised charges across the board to give stockbrokers' income a boost of only 4.2 per cent against the 7.3 per cent increase proposed earli-er this year.

Unveiling the new scale of charges, the council said the last adjustment of comthey could not be described missions in 1975. as excessive since inflation However, the Stock Ex- the cost of switching in and had risen by 88 per cent since change warned it was un- out of Government stocks.

Energy Correspondent

The big North Sea oil companies are preparing to

lamech an new and unprecedentedly severe attack on the oil tax regime in the wake of the Budget. They will claim that the Chancellor's decision not to reduce the overall level of taxation has badly demand Britain's chances of

damaged Britain's chances of remaining self-sufficient in oil until the end of the century. They will also say

that virtually every discovery

now being made by the industry is uneconomic or

industry is uneconomic or only marginally commercial. Shell UK, the single most active North Sea operator, paved the way for the new campaign yesterday when it announced a 58 per cent decline in profits last year from £373m to £158m. The company said it was having to reassess the economic viability of three or four accumulations of oil in the northern North Sea, each with recoverable reserves of 100 million barrels.

barrels.

Mr John Reisman Shell's

Abiaf execu-

Chairman and Chief execu-tive, attacked the Chancel-lor's decision to replace

Special Petroleum Duty with a system of advance pay-ments of Petroleum Revenue

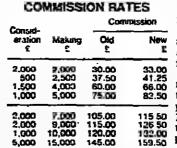
Tax, maintaining the overall North See tax take.

He said it was not in the

long-term interests of the country. "It is unlikely to stimulate the extension of oil

self-sufficiency into the next state for Energy.
decade, or indeed into the next century" he warned.
The tax regime, already existing fields has ben cut by attacked by the chairmen of an average of 30 per cent

BP and Lasmo, is expected to from what it was before be raised at the next meeting. Special Petroleum Duty was of the United Kingdom introduced last year. There Offshore Operators' Associare also about 30 "marginal" ation, representing all the discoveries, containing



Oil men open N Sea tax fight

maintain brokers' income in real terms.

The new charges would New also fail to arrest the decline on the number of member firms. As the chart shows, com-

missions at the lower end of 82.50 the scale will rise from 1.5 115 50 10 per cent compared with 126 50 132.00 proposed. per cent to 1.65 per cent, up

Rises at higher level bar gains have also been cut.
The minimum charge gilt sales rises from £4 to £7. The council has gone some way to meet objections from

# chiefs in pay row By Peter Hill Industrial Editor

industry

State

Another row is looming between the Government and the heads of Britain's nationalized industries over salary levels in the public sector. A White Paper published yesterday showed that few chairmen exceeded a 7 per cent wage increase.

cent wage increase.
Salary levels for the chairmen and senior board members of nationalized industries have proved a constant problem to both Labour and

Conservative Governments.
Successive Governments have held down salary increases as part of formal or informal incomes policies.
This has led to compression of salary levels between board members and executives who report to them, and a widening of the gap between rates of remuneration between the public and private sectors of industry. Until 1980 salaries in the

public sector were dealt with by the Top Salaries Review Body which, in its last report, before nationalized industry salaries were re-moved from its responibilicent increase. The Prime Minister, in line with the Government's policy of mak-ing the public sector corporations more efficient, decided that senior directors' remuneration should be more closely related to varket rates. But despite the TSRB's recommended increase, rates in 1980 rose by only 9 per cent.

A new mechanism was established under which the salaries of chairman would be determined by nonexecu-tive directors on the boards of public corporations with recommendations then made to the sponsoring minister and the new regime watched over by the now disbanded Civil Service Department.

Publication yesterday of the White Paper Public Boards 1982 confirmed that few chairmen managed to exceed the 7 per cent.

Mr Philip Shelbourne, hairman of British National Nigel Lawson, Secretary of climate of falling oil prices
State for Energy.

The companies will point claims. No new commercial table, while Mr. Ian MacGreout that profitability of fields have been discovered existing fields has ben cut by since 1976. The industry is also unhappy with some aspects of the character as a safety of \$53,000 which has been available to him since April, 1980.

of the United Kingdom introduced last year. There the changes to the structure of the Chancellor and Mr developed in the present of the Chancellor and Mr developed in the present ment of marginal fields.

1980.

Although comparisons are odious, the public sector the Chancellor earlier this month, and will accuse the Government of not doing anything to help the development of marginal fields.

#### Euroflame directors ousted

By Margareta Pagano

Three directors of Eurof-lame Holdings, the log stove company which is the subject of a Department of Trade inquiry, were yesterday de-prived by a board resolution of all executive authority and directed not to take part in any part of the business of the company or its subsidi-aries after they had refused to resign from the board.

They are Mr John Viall, who claims still to be chair-

who claims state to be chair-man and managing director, Mr lowerth Jones and Mrs Gabrielle Jones. All are believed to be seeking legal

advice. The board also resolved to call an extraordinary general meeting as soon as possible to consider the removal of these directors. The news comes after last Friday's

announcement that Euro-flame (UK) the main operat-ing subsidiary of Euroflame Holdings, had put itself into voluntary liquidation

# Institute calms fears over new technology

# Chips impact on jobs 'minimal'

By Clive Cookson, Technology Correspondent

Studies Institute and backed applications versus a loss of by the Government. Quashes fears of some unions that electronic automation is destroying large numbers of jobs and the belief of some information technology enthusiasts that the chip will create many new jobs.

A gain of 10,000 in product not using any, they are not developing any, they are not developin

to the whole of industry, showed a net gain of 16,000 jobs up to the time of the survey (early last year). Companies introducing microducing microduci roelectronics into their prod-ucts added 23,000, but that was partially offset by a loss of 7,000 jobs in companies automating their manufactur-

ing processes.

The silicon chip is having period after the survey was processes, the report says. little impact on employment, expected to show a net loss "Half the non-users themlittle impact on employment, a report on microelectronics in British industry, says.

The study, which was carried out by the Policy

Studies Institute and backed

create many new jobs.

The PSI team, led by Mr Jim Northcott, looked at 1,200 companies for the study, which was funded by the Department of Industry and three private foundations. The results, related to the whole of industry.

The time of the survey discovery that the number of companies starting work on microelectronic applications fell back in 1980, after industries and far less than is increasing in each of the previous five years.

Another worrying discovery was that foreign.

says, should not be regarded had a microelectronics appliant as accurate but they needed canon rate two-thirds higher as accurate but they needed canon rate two-thirds higher to be wrong by a wide margin than their British-owned for these losses to be a counterparts.

The biggest practical problem mentioned by the companies employing more 20 skills.

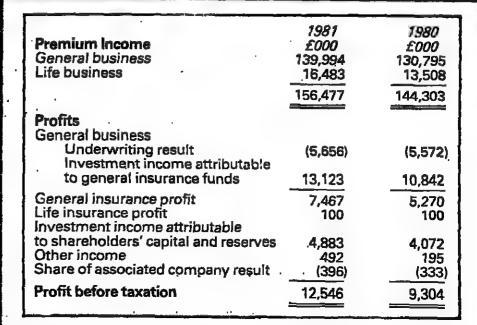
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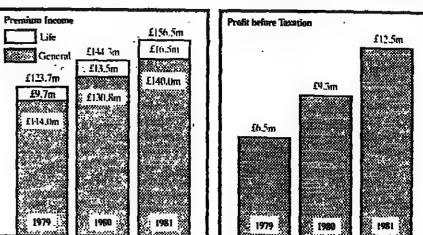
However, the 18 month products or their production 1-2 Castle Lane, London SW1.

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# Cornhill Insurance Group 1981 Results

Raisman: attacked oil tax decision.





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A member of the Thomas Tilling Group

# Squeeze at the tuckshop ... and a lesson in history

Vickers looks

overseas

# Pocket money cut adds to sweet problem

The intriguing statistic that young-sters' pocket money has been cut 16 per cent this past year has implications for a wide range of sectors, from toys to confection-ery, Derick Harris writes. There were three illustrations from company results yesterday in the soft drinks and confectionery

Maynards manufactures confectionery, much of it sugar-based and selling in the lower price ranges where sales to youngsters are strong. Volume was up 2.5 per cent in United Kingdom sales but, particularly with sugar prices artificially high because of European Community structuring, profits suffered.

There could have been trading down in the pocket money market, said Mr David Martin, company secretary. The company's toy retailing sales were hit.

With Maynards expansion the turnover rose more than 20 per cent in the half year while profit pretax at £1.36m declined more than 10 per cent on the comparable period of 1980. The dividend was unchanged at 3.125p.

Sugar-based confectionery, has shown sales declines of at least 2 per cent in the past year while chocolate varieties have risen marginally.

That lies behind the performance of Hales Owen-based Blue Bird Confectionery Holdings in the West Midlands but the problem of shrinking pocket money is also an element, according to Mr Edward Nassar, Blue Bird's chairman. Blue Bird's home sales in the half year were down 9.8 per cent although exports have leaped by a half.

In the half year to last July a marginal loss was turned to a pre tax profit of £200,899 on a £4.8m turnover. The dividend was unchanged at 1.45p.

Manchester-based J N Nichols (Vimto), had final pre tax profits of £2.56m, compared with £1.884m in the previous nine months, effectively a near 5 per cent increase. Final dividend was up 3p

It could have been caught like many other soft drinks manufac-turers with sales downturns put at 10 per cent overall.

But Nichols has strongly penetrated the supermarket mul-tiples and widened its drinks

Statistics from: Pocket Money Monitor, Birds Eye Wall's 1982, based on Gallup research.



White writes). As with so many other major British groups, the latest figures give a hint of further cuts at home and expansion Vickers is still a long way from realizing its top executives' hopes for the engineering, Rolls-Royce cars and office equipment group: that was the signal being read from the one for four rights issue to raise £23m that accompanied the 1981 perfet figures.

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Investors holding sares in Vickers are cautious, because of the vast amount of British industrial history it incorporates. Return on capital employed is around 11 or 12 per cent, against a target of 15 to 17 per cent in the short term. Achieving that means a lot of commercial evolution, for which, it seems, not enough cash is being generated by the Vickers business yet.

Yesterday's figures — the first full year under the new management team, transferred from Rolls-Royce after the 1980 merger — show sales up from £595m to £603m and pretax profit up by £5m to £24.6m when £8.9m interest



Plastow: His figures for Vickers hint at expansion

received in 1980 on nationalization compensation is excluded. The dividend is maintained at 12p after a 7.45p final; leaving the share price down ½p at 159 and the yield 10.8. The rights issue price is 133p. Vickers could have another major move up its sleeve - so. Vickers followers deduce from two clues they see in yesterday's announce-ments. First, the maintenance of the dividend — which cynics say is effectively being funded by the rights issue. Secondly, the rights issue is less than expected. Ambitions for acquisitions are

voiced in the report. So, it is suggested Vickers could want to keep up the share price to make an acquisition for paper, and then come back for more cash. An engineering contractor could satisfy Vicker's desire to generate more of its profits overseas, and would, virtually, be a low cash consumer. (Interest payments, net are a horrific £18.3m in 1981.)

Vickers were bowed down by the weight of running out-of-date chunks of steel, shipbuilding and a disorganized office equipment side when it merged with Rolls-Royce in 1980. Rolls-Royce was desperately short of cash, but run by a highly regarded managment team which included chief executive David Plastow and Tom Neville.

The new team's efforts to reduce staff and unprofitable businesses — 2,700 more were made redundant this year — are applauded. Mr Plastow has refocused simplified the operation of the business by organizing 40 operating subdisidiaries into five divisions. He has produced incentive schemes to reenergise the lower tiers of manage-

Rolls-Royce cars did best of Vickers' activities — the fall in the pound helped sales of the new Silver Spirit in the United States. Staff have been cut back by 350. So far this year overseas sales continue to do well.

The lithographic plates business is run by the Howson-Algraphy Group, a Vickers subsidiary.

11.5 16.2 7.1 3.2 5.2

Progress of trading profit at operating group level

#### INTERNATIONAL IVORY COAST



#### UNITED STATES

General Motors has told suppliers it is considering a change in the method of acquiring steel. While the company declined to elaborate, industry observers are speculating on a switch from order-type to bid-type pur-

chasing. The president of the United Auto Workers predicted that the union's Gen-eral Motor Council will approve tentative contract concessions with the corpor-

ation today. • Four hundred unemployed Detroit car workers are to be retrained in aerospace jobs with the help of a \$300,000 (£166,600) Federal grant. After learning new skills, they will be taken on by the Rockwell corporation to build the long-range B-1

#### Japan

As Japan's economy continues to falter, the Japan Economic Research Centre, a leading private research insti-tute, has predicted that inflation-adjusted growth in French indu-both 1981 and 1982 will fall fell 3 per far short of government visionally a

projections.

Japan will send an official buying mission to France and Austria in May to buy more goods to try to rectify Japan's trade surplus with both countries.

#### WEST GERMANY

West Germany's import prices index rose 0.7 per cent last month to stand 4.6 per sent higher than a year earlier, 10.3 the lowest year-on-year rise since February 1979. This followed year-on-year gains of 6.9 and 9.5 per cent

With the arrival in its coastal waters last week of the "Dan Duke" oil production rig, the Ivory Coast could become one of the world's net oil exporters. The rig will be used to bring into production the "Espoir" offshore field and is expected to produce 30,000 barrels a day.

#### CANADA

Canadian motor manufacturs have scheduled an output 18,913 cars for assembly this week down from 22,345 last week and 20,328 in the same week last year. American Motors — Canada is to produce 600 cars which is down 610 last week and 781 a year .ago.

#### EELGUM

The business climate in the European Community de-teriorated last month, ending a three month trend of improvement; the European Commission reports. Its indi-cator of business confidence fell one point to minus 14.

Brazil's per capita gross domestic product fell 5.8 per cent in 1981 over 1980, the first fall in 16 years, the central bank reported. Total gdp was down 3.5 per cent while the population grew 2.4 per cent in the year.

French industrial production fell 3 per cent on a pro-visionally adjusted seasonal basis in January after a 1.5 per cent rise in December.

#### AUSTRALIA

Australian production of uranium oxide last year was almost double the 1980 level because of output from the new Ranger Mine in Northern Territory.

A spokesman for Fiat in Turin said there are no talks, and none have taken place at any level, on the possibility of Fiat taking a share in International Harvester.

The final ordinary dividend

# Eagle Star

#### SUMMARY OF GROUP RESULTS FOR 1981

DIVIDENDS. The Directors are recommending to the shareholders at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 7th May 1982 a final dividend. of 8p per share payable on 15th July 1982 to shareholders on the register as at the close of business on 17th June 1982. With the interim dividend of 7p per share which was paid on 15th January 1982 the total dividend for the year will be 15p per share (1980: 10.5p). The total cost of these dividends will be £20.6m.

RESULTS. Investment income in the shareholders' fund increased by 20 per cent to £88.3m. The pre-tex profits of Grovewood Securities were £15.8m which with £0.1m from associated companies brought the total income from invastments to £104:2m (1980; £88.1m). Shareholders' long term profits were £14.3m (1980: £11.8m) after grossing up for income tax and corporation tax. General insurance underwriting made a loss of £42.7m (1980: £32.5m). General business premium income increased by 8.per cent. Overall pre-tax profits were £73.8m



' .		£m	4.00	£m
PREMIUM INCOME				
Fire, accident and motor 4	52.6		422.4	
Marine, aviation and transport	24.7	477.3	. 20.1	442.5
Long term → snauel premiums . 1	84.0		149.6	
	20.0	284.0		221.7
		761.3	-	664.2
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT		1981		.1980
PROFIL AND LOSS ACCOUNT		£m		£m.
Investment income*		88.3		. 73.8
Profits of Grovewood Securities		15.8		14.4
Shere of associated companies' results		0.1		(0.1)
Shareholders' long term profits		14.3		11.8
Underwriting loss		(42.7)		(32.5)
Expenses not charged to other accounts		(2.0)		(32.0)
		73.8		(1.07
Surplus				. 65.9**
Taxation		31.9 3.4		25.8
Minority interests		3.4		3.2
Net surplus for year available for				
appropriation		38.5		37.1
Staff profit sharing scheme	2.5		1.4 .	
Less taxation	1.3	1.2	0.7	0.7.
		37.3		36.4
Transfer to catastrophe reserve		2.0		2.0
Dividends ·		20.6		14.3
Balance added to retained profits and reser	rves	14.7		20.1
*After deducting £2.2m in respect of in	iterest i	on loan note	n (1980 : £2	.1m).

\* After transfer from catastrophs reserve.

GENERAL COMMENTS. Throughout the world insurance underwriting has further deteriorated. Excess capacity and the effect of the recession on the availability of business have continued to increase competitive pressures.

INVESTMENTS. Investment income increased by 20 per cent, This most satisfactory result was helped by high interest rates and a positive The free reserves of the group, including capital appreciation on investments other than those of the long-term insurance funds, amounted to

GENERAL INSURANCE. Our overall result is analysed by territory in the following table which includes an estimate of that part of investment income which arises on insurance funds :-

	Income £m	result £m	expenses £m	Total £m	Total £m
United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland *	364.5	(26.6)	55.2	28.6	21.5**
Australia	22.0	(7.6)	2.0	(5.8)	(1.7)
Belgium	25.8	(2.9)	3.5	0.7	1.0 .
South Africa	46.7	(2.4)	3.1	0.7	2.5
USA	8.4	(0.6)	0.8	0.2	0.4
Other territories	9.9	(1.4)	1.5	0.1	(0.4)
Additional provision for unexpired risks		•			(0117
(overseas business)		(1.2)		(1.2)	(0.8)
	477.3	(1.2) (42.7)	66.2	(1.2) 23.5	(0.8) 22.5
Attributable to sharaholders' funds			36.0	26.0	31.6
		742.71	102.2	EO E	31.6

\*Including reinsurance and world-wide marine and aviation

UNITED KINGDOM. There was fierce competition in all classes of business for the reducing volume of premium. There was an under loss of £26.2m (1980: £25.0m) but after taking investment income on the funds into account there was a profit of £18.9m (1980: £13.0m). Both fire and "all-in" accounts suffered from the severe weather in December. There was an underwriting loss in the fire account of £2.1m (1980 : £0.7m) and in the "all-in" account of £5.9m (1980 : £4.2m). The motor account showed an underwriting loss of £6.5m (1980 : £5.9m), In the liability account there has been an increase in late reported claims from earlier years arising from industrial diseases.

QVERSEAS. There was an overall underwriting loss of £16.1m (1980: £7.2m) and a loss after attributable investment income of £5.1m. (1980; profit £1.0m). The major part of the underwriting loss arose in Australia where the situation was exacerbated by the non-recurring effects of a recent court decision and the need to strengthen provisions for claims from earlier years. In South Africa after many profitable years there was an underwriting loss. In Belgium and the USA results were satisfactory.

small surplus and this together with provisions from earlier years no longer required enabled us to strengthen the open underwriting years and also to make a transfer of £1.0m to profit and loss account. The fund at the end of the year amounted to 143 per cent of premiums

annuities amounted to £120.0m (1980: £72.1m). The annual valuation of the UK life funds has again resulted in increased bonuses to policyholders. Profits transferred to the shareholders' account were £8.1m (1980; £6.9m) net of tax, with a grossed-up value of £14.4m (1980: £11.7m) and after transfers in respect of non-UK subsidiaries the total amount was £14.3m.

GROVEWOOD SECURITIES LIMITED. In a continuing difficult economic climate Grovewood Securities produced a record profit for the fourteenth consecutive year, pre-tax profit rising to £15.8m (1980: £14.4m)

Copies of the Report and Accounts for 1981 and the Chairman's Statement will be sent to shareholders on 8th April 1982.

# Eagle Star Holdings PLC

1, Threadneedle Street, London EC2R 8BE

# EICC 1981 Results and **Final Dividend**

PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION increased from £74.6 million to

**CURRENT COST PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION** up from £55.1 million to £81.3 million.

CONTINUED STRONG PERFORMANCE in overseas cable-making but lower profits in UK.

**EARNINGS PER SHARE** up 9% at 25.2p on historic cost basis

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE on plant and equipment up 25%.

ACQUISITIONS costing £73 million, principally in the electronic components sector.

RIGHTS ISSUE and other share issues during 1981 raised £72 million net of expenses.

FINANCIAL POSITION remains strong with gross debt at 40% of shareholders' funds.

OUTLOOK - continuing sound progress expected.

DIVIDENDS increased by 10% to 10.37p per share.

#### Group results for the year ended 31 December

HISTORIC COST BASIS	*m .	£m ·	of 7.04p per share (1980;
Sales	1604.3	1364.8	6.40p per share) will, it approved, be paid to ordinary shareholders
Operating profit	109.6	86.6	registered in the books of the Company on 21 May
.Finance charges	7.7	12.0	1982. Warrants will be
Profit before taxation	101.9	74.6	posted on 29 June 1982, payable 1 July 1982.
Taxation	41.9	28.6	
Profit after taxation	60.0	46.0	The complete press release is available from
Minority interests	<u> 18.0</u>	9.8	the Secretary, BICC plc,
Attributable profit	42.0	36.2	P.O. Box No. 5, 21 Bloomsbury Street, London WC1B 3ON.
CURRENT COST BASIS	•		
			The 1981 annual report
Profit before taxation	81.3	55.1	will be posted to share
Attributable profit	<u>25.8</u>	21.1	and loan stock holders on 24 April 1982.
EARNINGS PER SHARE	р	p	The annual general
Historic cost basis	25.2	23.1	<ul> <li>meeting will be held in the Methven Room,</li> </ul>
Current cost basis	15.5		Centre Point, 103 New
Odiretti oosi,basis	19.9	13.4	Oxford Street: London
DIVIDENDS PER SHARE	10.37	9.43	WC1A 1DU, on 20 May 1982 at 12 noon.
The above historic cost results exclude (a)	extraordinar	y losses of £6.7	7m (1980 : £3.5m) and



Cable-makers

(b) a special tax credit in 1980 of £10.6m.

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BUSINESS NEWS/FOCUS AND COMMENT

This would have been worse than the Wall Street crash.

# Swift action as fear mounts in the City

The Cedar Holdings crisis.

Action was swift. The which led the Bank of chairmen of the Big Four England and City institutions clearing banks were called to put together a 72m rescue secretly to a meeting with the package in an attempt to stop panic, had not come as an unexpected shock to City of London insiders. They knew that, in the previous three weeks of disturbed conditions, many hard-pressed secondary banking companies had lost shortterm funds through depositors switching cash to the safe haven of the large hanks in what Mr Richardson, the Bank of England's governor, later called "a fit of collective prudence". These other banking businesses, often also in acute anxiety about how they would present their accounts for the end of the year, had urgently made known their troubles to their

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known their troubles to their clearing banks, which had provided some furnaid through stand-by borrowing facilines. Many had also hastened to the Bank of England, whose Discount Office was operating a system of early warming of impending trouble, under which information was swapped among the big banks more readily than in normal conditions.

worrying developments, the Governor had already been discreetly in touch with the chairmen of the large High Street clearing banks and had even held a secret meeting with them the previous afternoon while the Cedar marathon was under-

secretly to a meeting with the governor on the afternoon of Friday. December 21.

Fringe banks were not the only worry for the clearing bank chairmen who attended this crucial session. The world was in economic turnoil at the end of 1973. A state of Emergency was in State of Emergency was in force in Britain because of an force in Britain because of an impending industrial confrontation with the namers, threatening a fuel shortage in addition to the emerging prospect of steep rises in world oil prices. The clearers, already heavily lent after the 1971-3 boom, and with new "corset" curbs just imposed on them in the mini budget were concerned how they were to meet all calls upon them.

They were worried less the

with new "corset" curbs just imposed on them in the mini budget were concerned how they were to meet all calls upon them.

They were worried lest the panic which was affecting the secondary. banking community should reach even the established merchant banks. Could these leading banks themselves be caught up in the avalanche which was threatening to bring down a crop of smaller banks? "This would have been worse than the Wall Street crash of 1929, which British banking had survived so well", one senior clearer afterwards reflected. clearer afterwards reflected. All these considerations in-

chairmen of the large High
Street clearing banks and had even held a secret meeting with them the previous afternoon while the Cedar marathon was underway elsewhere in the Bank. At this gathering, the possibility of a joint rescue operation, involving up to £1,000m of support loans for the secondary banking sector, should the atmosphere of crisis not abate, had been memioued.

The fact that news of Cedar's rescue, so far from calming the atmosphere, provoked mounting fear in the City about the situation of many other secondary governor, were Sir (then Mr) Eric Faulkier, chairman of landout Central Sir Jasper Hollom, the deputy governor, were Sir (then Mr) Eric Faulkier, chairman of London

• In the second of two articles on the secondary banking crisis of the mid-1970s Margaret Reid describes how the massive rescue operation was put together and assesses the cost

minds at the time. However,

it was a feature of the scheme unfolded by the

governor that the combined

support pool should be used

to give hard-pressed second-ary banks time for recovery

and not to postpone the

fringe concerns.

The clearing bank chairmen readily enough accepted

the governor's plan.
With the crisis at the pitch

it had reached, there was an

obvious consensus that this over apportioning responsi-

carefully worded press notice to be issued by the Bank later in the afternoon of December 21. The decision to

launch the 'Lifeboat' - as the combined support operation was to become

ation was to become familiarly known — had been

Altogether 25 secondary

benks eventually clambered on board the Lifeboat. (Henry

Anshacher was accorded the right to draw on the Lifeboat

The ownership structure of this part of the secondary

but never did so.)

insolvency

months earlier. The clearers' might shrink so that they chairmen were accompanied became so, was not upper by chief or senior general most in the banking chiefs' managers from their banks, while the governor and deputy governor were sup-ported by senior Bank of England colleagues Mr Richardson formally

should organise an operation

fringe banks were generally all to be protected, since it would be impossible, or at least undesirable, to limit this help to small personal depositors only. It was important that the rescue operation should also guarantee the position of big depositors, since any failure by a fringe bank to pay back large money market deposits would have damaging reper-cussions on the creditor which had lent the money. The idea was that share holders, as distinct from depositors, in the troubled secondary banks were not entitled to direct protection of their interests, although, of course, they would often be indirectly helped by the

Of the 25, eight collapsed and another, Sterling Industrial Securities, was radically scaled down under the Crown Agents' supervision and later sold. Of the rest, no fewer than eleven had by the early months of 1981 passed, in whole or substantial part, under the control of larger groups, a process which generated much repayment of Lafeboat loans by the new owners. Several, including some later taken over, had recovered under their own power and dispensed with Lifebeat backing, which in one or two cases had been brief and indirect. But by late in 1980, only a handful of the in 1980, only a handful of the 25 remained as independent entities in the banking business. Lifeboat lending had been cut to some £500m by the end of 1979 when only United Dominions Trust, First National Finance Corporation and Knowley were poration and Knowsley were

borrowers; this figure had been further reduced a year later, mainly through large So far from mutual re-crimination, the theme by the time of the governor's meet-ing was one of cooperation to fend off a crisis whose dangers were by them unmis-takeable, but whose potential was still incalculable.

Before this historic meetoperations lending being extended beyond about £1,200m, the Bank of England itself shouldered major responsibilities in dealing with later troubles. In extricular it committed large Before this historic meet-ing broke up, the bankers ing with later troubles. In approved the draft of a particular, it committed large the financial groups Slater Walker Securities and Edward Bates. Sir Jasper wided m Hollom, Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, told a House of Commons select Edition.

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Experience in crisis

facilities, including some medium-term, from a number of banks and

1976. Co. then accorded loan

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banking industry changed committee in 1978: "The after the onset of the crisis. heavier losses are outside the

The Bank of England put aside a remarkable total of about £100m for the possible cost to itself of the whole rescue strategy, while the clearing banks may still face a bill of up to perhaps £50m, also already provided for in their accounts, for their own participation in the Lifeboat operation. These possible losses — as distinct from the much larger support lending, which was mostly ultimately repaid - show the magnitude of the burden the support operations may involve for those who conducted them.

The total provision of finance — as distinct from possible losses — involved in controlling the banking and related property crises was very large indeed. In addition to some £1300m advanced through the Lifeboat, large loan resources were used by the Bank of England and by later, mainly through large repayments by UDT.

After the hig clearing banks had decided in August 1974 that they could not agree to the joint Lifeboat operations lending being extended beyond about \$1,200m\$, the Bank of the property groups affort through this time of complete developments optimistically begun in the boom years. Much had later to be written of against interest. written of against interest and repayment not received: with later troubles. In the big banks' provisions against their property lending in this period certainly financial groups Slater exceeded £100m. The total finance exceptionally provided must have run into bilions of pounds: some estimates suggest it

**Business Editor** 

# Non-executive directors

resolved and forgotten the better. Certainly, that must be true from the point of view of the company's business and its employees.

If Mr Gerald Ronson decides that enough is enough and it is time to pull out, then the struggle may indeed be quickly resolved. He may, of course, opt to stay in the battle, in which case the saga could run on a

while longer.
It would be wrong though to wish the whole episode quickly forgomen. The ACC saga ought to provide a key case history on boardroom behaviour. The Department history is written. But if it for foreign exchange, does not, then it would be a Officials at the Interpublic service were one of national Monetary Fund dethe former non-executive nied speculation that Nigeria age to put pen to paper, for dollars 4,500 million loan the role of the non-executive directors is one of the

quite the watchdog fashion for which they might justifiably have hoped. Moreover, they may now wonder whether those directors who have just resigned have done so simply because they have found the heat in the kitchen becoming rather too much.

In fact, that may not be fair. There are times when resignation can be the most useful form of protest and the most is mediate way of bringing matters to a head. That said, at a time who the tide of opinion is rightly favouring a more positive role for non-executive directors, the ACC situation highlights one particular kind of dilemma; the autocratic executive in need of a watchdog, yet at the same time a watchdog with insuf-ficient drive or power to act as an adequate leash.

#### Nigeria Under siege

The announcement that The announcement that Nigeria has suspended virtually all imports comes as no surprise. But the repercussions on suppliers to Africa's most populous nation will cause more than a few headaches, particularly to Britain. Britain remains the biggest exporter to Nigeria, wth shipments in recent years running at more than \$1000m — accounting for about one fifth of Nigeria's.

non-oil imports.
As one of the largest oil As one of the largest of producers and exporters, Nigeria has fallen victim to the international glut of oil and the consequential fall in prices. For many other Opec members the glut and drop in prices can be tolerated, at least for a while without unduly interwhile, without unduly inter-fering with ambitious economic development plans. But the impact on Nigeria's industrial development

programme and aspirations of the civilian Government of President Sheu Shagari has been little short of disastrous, predicated as they were on a high oil price continuing.
The country's trade deficit has been running at estic account.

One is tempted to say the about £333m a month and sooner the ACC situation is cesolved and factorial formula and factorial formula fallen from about 1.8 million barrels daily at the beginning of this year to about

1.2 million barrels this

month.

President Shagari tried to tackle the incipient prob-lems in his Budget statement last November by imposing import controls and delaying priority projects in the public sector spending programme which form a key feature of the Naira 80,000m (£41,000m) fourth development plan.

Yesterday confusion continued to surround the Cen-tral Bank's order to commercial banks in Nigeria to halt of Trade may or may not the issue of letters of credit see fit to ensure that such a and 25-03ssing of applications

more interesting aspects in building up for tough action all that has happened. to be taken to from out the With the benefit of hind-imports and payments crisis sight the ordinary ACC now donging Nigeria's aspir-shareholder must find it ations and a devaluation of hard to believe that the non-the Naira by perhaps as executive directors in ACC much as 12.5 per cent is not have acted over the years in ruled out. Resolution of Nigeria's economic difficul-tiesis of paramount importance not only to the inter-national trading community but to President Shagari's hopes for a second term in next year's election contest.

#### Prudential Problem areas

The dire conditions in the general insurance industry were firmly underlined by yesterday's results from both the Prudential and Eagle Star — in the Pru's case with a dash of red ink. For the first time in years ror the tirst time in years its general insurance side made a loss — £8.2m compared with the previous year's £2.5m profit — resulting, by the Pru's own admission, in a decidedly poor set of results. Group profits were only marginally ahead from £42.5m to £43.2m, although the dividend still goes up by nearly

14 per cent. Once again the life business has powered ahead. Premisms were 16 per cent higher at £1,187m, investment income grew strongly and life profits were some two-fifths higher at £41.5m. But on non-life the Pru came badly unstuck.

Overcapecity, the re-cession, and inadequate premium rates contributed to the problem... So did though, despite this, the domestic property account still reduced losses. Canada also produced a soaring underwriting loss. But the real bugbear has been the specialist reinsurance subsidiary, Mercantile & General, which accounted for more than two-fifths of the increase in underwriting losses from £34m to £59m.

This year the Pru may find that premium income growth on the lie side slows and lower interest rates are likely to affect investment income. But there are grounds for some modest optimism on the non-life accounts on the back of some hardening of rates in Canada and improvement in the United Kingdom dom-

# provoked mounting fear in the City about the situation of many other secondary banks opened the way for a crucial decision. Up to this stage, the Bank of England of Lloyds Bank. Sir Archibad retained some hope that the gathering crisis could be industrialist and chartered tackled piecemeal, by wrestling with the problems of individual banking companies. But now, in the view of those at the head of the pointed unmistakeably to the pointed unmistakeably to the chairman of Barclays Bank and conficient to finance attack on the emergency. Sir Jasper Hollom, the deputy proposed support plan. Essentially, the proposition was for a 're-cycling' arrangement. Since depositors had been withdrawing their deposits from the secondary banks and confiding them to the safe keeping of the large clearing banks, the idea was that the clearers should, on conditions, jointly land money back to the secondary conditions. The fear that these fringe banks' assets might prove too deficient to finance full repayment of this aid, or The Governor ... to the Secondary banks helped with loans through the joint operation run by the Bank of England

briefly and further stadiable bank standby facility never required. Co-thican over by merchant bank group Brown Shipley Holdings in 1981 for £3.8m

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# THE LIFEBOAT — WHO GOT ON BOARD

Company	Total assets (£m)	Experience in crisis
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and whether	sheet up to	support loans, if known, and
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section 123 co.	2	Provided with support loans.
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(finance house).		exprort arount these later recald.
Not quoted, (Now -		Taken over in May 1978 by Bank.
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owned by Bank of . Ireland, Until May		Me 11H
1978, subsid, of		
Northern Foods).		
Shares of		A STATE OF THE STA
Successive paranta		
quoted.	<u> </u>	
Bowmaker		Charles on any language
Listed bank	243	Received support loans within : : £89m maximum. Left Lifeboat in
(finance house) and section 123		autumn of 1975, when remaining;
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T. Bowring, whose		received a new madium-term form
shares were		from major banks and the Bank of
quoted; Bowring		England
group, including Bowmaker, taken		
over in 1980 by		
Marco and		
McLennan of the		
US)		
British Bank of Commerce		
section 123 co	59	Received support loans of £13.9m
whose shares were		at the peak. Taken over in
quoted. (Now		September 1974 for £3.3m by
Grindlays Bank		National and Grindlays Bank (now
(Scotland), owned by Grindlays Bank)		Grindiays Bank)
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Burston Group		Russian Flancian available with
Burston Finance	100	Burston Finance provided with support loans. Receiver appointed
aubaid., a section		to it in Feb. 1975, 65 per cent
128 co. Group's shares were		holding of Group in Burston &
aneres were		Texas Commerce Bank taken
-		over in 1975 by Texas Commerce.
		Bank of the US, which already
		held 35 per cent. Parent co.
Control Control		alterwards in liquidation.
Carmon Street	-	
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Acceptances	122	received support loans up to
Subsid a section		£20m; receiver appointed to it in
123 co.), Parent		Sept. 1974. CSI reconstructed as
Co.'s shares were		subsid. of National Westminster
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of 1980.		
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Cedar Holdings Section 123 co.	128	Loans of up to £22m made available by Barclays Bank and
MOCRIDIT 123 00.	120	financed through Lifeboat. These
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Provided with support loans. Receiver appointed May 1975. Went into liquidation Nov. 1976.

• Adapted from "The Secondary Banking crisis, 1973-75", by Margaret Reid, published today by The Macmillan Press, price £20.

C Margaret Reid

4	(£m)		· (£	m)	
	Deboff Brothers 9:8 section 123 co. (Consolidated Finance Holding ult. htt co.). Not guoted	ultimately of £6.7m, provided by Netional Westminater Bunk, for a time under wing of Support group. Co. austained losses leading to £2.68m deficiency by and of	Mercantife Credit Substit. a section 123 co. Was quoted	377	Pecalved support learns of 2167m at peak. Leans repaid when co. taken over by Berclaya Bank for £32m in 1975
	Edward Salas and 74	1978. Settlement in 1979 under which £2.2m repaid and Natwest claim to over £4.5m assigned, against £50,000 payment hawing co, with positive shareholders funds.  Received some support loans in	Sense Wigram section 123 co. Latterwards Schlesinger). Not quoted	30	Received support leans of about £10m. Taken over for a nominal price in 1974 by Schlesinger Organisation, which repaid the loans. Schlesinger bank bought in 1980 by Savenburg's Bank, of Holland
	Sons (Holdings) Edward Bules and Sons subsid., a section 123.co. (Listed bank from Dec. 1973). Holding co. wes quoted.	autumn of 1974, Lifeboat buying out part of shipping loan portfolio. Sizable Arab shareholding, and Middle East deposits, from May 1975. Later, reconstruction under which part of business, recapitalised, emerged as Allied Arab Bank, with predominantly Arab shareholder and Barclays Bank International stake. Bank of England took over remaining	Northern Commercial Treat section 123 co. Not quoted. (Authority Investments, quoted, held 27%)	90	NCT (apart form London loan business) taken over in 1975 by Algemene Bank Nederland, of Holland. Support loans of some £32m, previously provided to NCT, transferred to Knowslay, by which London business of NCT taken over. Support loans on reduced scale still outstanding at end of 1980 to Knowslay
		assets of Bates bank for realisation through EBS investments, now a Bank of England autholdiery. Holding co. in liquidation.	Knowsley section 123 co. (wholly owned by Authority investments)		
	First Maryland section 123 co. (Ultimate holding co. owned by Mr W G Stern and his family trusts). Not quoted.	Provided with support loans. Receiver appointed in Jan. 1975.	Sterling Industrial Securities section 123 co. Not quoted	33	Received Lifeboat loans and larger support loans from Crown Agents, a substantial shurefielder. Co. became the subject of a controlled rurning down of its business under the aegis of the Agents. Later sold
	Corporation Usted bank (afterward section 123 co. ) Quotad.	£350m at peak. Capital reconstruction end of 1975, under which support learns divided into direct, deferred and income loans, with defined terms. Support loans reduced to £225m at 31 Oct. 1980. Net deficiency of £79m (30 Apr. 1977) store than halved to	Triumphi Investment Treat G. T. Whyte benking subsid. a listed bank Group shares ware quoted	203	Provided with support loans (from Lifeboat) of up to some £30m and some £5m, in addition to an existing deposit of £5m, from Crown Agents. Receiver appointed Nov. 1974. Now in Equidation.
n' .		£29m (31 Oct. 1980), Extensive programme of realisation of property and cartain other assets undertailed.	Twentieth Century Banking		
	Guardian Properties (Hokings) Was quoted. Keyser (Smann	Provided with support losse. Receiver appointed June 1974.	section 123 co. Not quoted. (Owned from 1972 by Sovis, now . subsid. of P&O). Both successive	62	Received support loans. Acquired as part of Bovis group, by P&O in Mar, 1974.
	Holdings 433 (Keyser Ullmann (31 M subsid., a listed 1974	ar. at peets. Loans repetd by 1976.  Stand-by facilities from clearing.	ultimate parents quoted	·	
	bank). Holding Co.'s shares were quoted	banks provided for a time thereafter; dispensed with from Jan. 1977. Taken over forme £43m in 1980 by Charterhouse Group, into whose Charterhouse Japhet bank KU banking company being absorbed.	United Dominions Trust Listed bank. (Old Broad Street Securities subsid. a section 123 co.). Quotad	896	Received support loans of some £500m at peak. Prudential Assurance and Eagle Star Insurance put up bulk of £30m against convertible stock in 1974.
	London and County Securities Group 129 Banking subsidiary a section 123 co. Was quoted.	Received support from a special consortium and afterwards received Lifeboat support toans. Joint co. plazned by Benk of England and FNFC in Feb. 1974 to run the banking co. Announced in		·	Property lending cut right back and a range of overseas interests disposedol from 1974. In 1980, agreement for instalment credit business to be bought by Trustee Savings Banks. Remaining support leans almost fully repaid in 1980, Full take-over bid of £110m by TSBs successful in early 1981.
	Medena Trust	Mar. 1975 that banking company to be placed in liquidation; its total deficiency estimated at over £50m. Group was the subject of a Dept. of Trade investigation (report published Jan. 1976). Holding co. in liquidation.	J. H. Vavasseur Vavasseur Trust subsid. a section 123 co. (Group now part of Mils and Allen international J Charted	52	Received support loans. Two capital reconstructions. Remaining aupport loans repaid, with the help of a clearing bank loan, in 1979.  Co. effectively absorbed into Mills and Allen International in 1978
d	Medene Trisit section 123 co. 11 Not quoted (30 Ju 1974	UG uxec do u≀are-1a \angle aca	Wagon Finance Corporation Listed bank (ithance house).	43	Received support loans, of some £8m at peak; these were repeid in 1976. Co. then accorded loan

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# Interim Report

Mrs. J. M. Tyrrell reports:

\* Half-year profits substantially increased.

\* Second-half year expected to be equally good. \* Hand knitting market slightly more buoyant, but no very marked improvement yet.

\*Interim Dividend (net) of 1.6p per share (1981: 1.35p).

Summary	of half-year resu	lts
(Unaudited)	28 weeks	28 e

(Unaudited)	28 weeks ended 8th Jamuary 1982 5'000	28 weeks ended 12th January 1981 L'000	Year ended . 30th June 1991 L'000
Turnover	15,451	14,366	27,650
Trading Profit	2,801	2,350	5,202
Interest and other income	127	(55)	112
Profit before Taxation	2,928	2,295	5,314
Taxation (UK tax 52%)	(1,084)	(965)	(1,852)
Profit for the period	1,844	1,330	3,462
Earnings per share pre-tax Earnings per share	12.2p	9.61p	22.2p
after-tax	7.7p	5.5p	14.4p
Dividends per share	1.6p	1.35p	3.5p
Note: Earnings and Dividend figures have Scrip Issue in October 1981.	e been restated	l to reflect th	e l-for-l

#### Sirdar PLC

Flanshaw Lane, Alverthorpe, Wakefield WF2 9ND.

**Unaudited Group Results for 1981** 

Results and Dividend

Total profits for 1981 were £43.2m compared with £42.5m in 1980. There was substantial growth in the life profits, but underwriting losses in general business increased sharply. The directors have declared a final dividend of 8.0p per share, payable on 27 May next. This, together with the interim dividend of 4.5p per share paid in November, amounts to 12.5p per share (11.0p in 1980).

		1981	1980
Life :	Premium income	£m 1,187.3	£m - 1,020.3
Mia.	Surplus attributable to policyholders	508.7	372.7
	Surplus attributable to shareholders	41.5	29.5
General:	Premiums written	569.0	456.0
	Underwriting result	(59.0) 46.1	. (33.9) 33.6
	Taxation credit	(12.9) 4.7	(0.3) 2.8
	Profit after tax	(8.2)	2.5
Shareholders' Other Income :	Investment income Miscellaneous income Expenses Taxation	19.8 2.2 (3.7) (3.4)	18.7 1.0 (1.9) (7.3)
	Other net income	9.9	10.5
Summary of Results	Life General Other net income	41.5 (8.2) 9.9	29.5 2.5 10.5
	Profit for the year	43.2	42.5
	Dividend Retained profit	37.3 5.9	32.8 9.7
Earnings per sh	are	14.5p	· 14.2p
Dividend per sh		12.5p	11.0p

Life Business

Due to the continuing benefits of our considerable life fund investments in equities and property it has been possible to make substantial increases in bonuses to policyholders of Prudential Assurance both in the UK and overseas, at a cost of £508.4m (36% up on 1980). Profits to shareholders from this source have risen in proportion and together with higher profits from Mercantile & General and Vanbrugh have resulted in an increased life profit of £41.5m (£29.5m in 1980).

General Insurance Business		Premiums written		Underwriting result	
		1981	1980	1981	1980
		£m	£m	£m	£m
	UK	201.7	173.4	(9.7)	(9.3)
	Canada	74.6	48.5	(10.4)	(2.9)
	EEC	37.1	37.0	(4.7)	(3.6)
	Other Countries	44.8	34.8	(9.9)	(4.0)
	Marine & Aviation	11.8	8.9	(1.0)	(1.7)
	Specialist Reinsurance 1	199.0	153.4	(23.3)	(12.4)
		569.0	456.0	(59.0)	(33.9)

In the UK, despite the effect of the severe weather in December, the underwriting loss for the year showed only a small increase. Underwriting conditions overseas were particularly unfavourable and led to substantially greater losses. Reinsurance business suffered in addition from excessive competition world-wide.

The total free assets of the group at the end of 1981 represented 49% (60% in 1980) of short-term general insurance premiums.

Investment income on short-term general insurance and shareholders' funds combined increased to £65.9m from £52.3m, a rise of 26%.



Prudential Corporation pic, 142 Holborn Bars, London EC1N 2NH.

selected disposals."

Trading profit Redundancy costs

Profit before taxation Profit after taxation Minority interests

Stockholders' profit Dividends Profit retained (deficit)

at 12 noon on 27 May at Vickers House.

Profit before extraordinary items

Consolidated Profit & Loss Account for the year ended 31 December 1981

Profit before interest Net interest payable less investment income Profit before prior year interest Interest on nationalization in respect of prior years

Earnings per £1 of Ordinary Stock: Including interest on nationalisation in respect of

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VICKERS P.L.C., VICKERS HOUSE, MILLBANK, LONDON SWIP 4RA

Profit before prior year interest some £5 million (25%) higher than 1980. Value and volume of exports improved substantially but UK demand

Extraordinary items of £11.1 million are in respect of retrenchments and closures which will improve the future efficiency of the business.

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Order books at beginning of 1982 higher than at beginning of 1981.

"Development of strategy will be aimed at concentrating and consolidating

selected activities. This will involve, both in the UK and overseas, capital expenditure on existing businesses and acquisitions and may also involve

Growth in from 2.21p gross.

fibre optics Trading profits rose £4.1m to £17.7m with the proportion from Scotch whisky up to £14.5m from £10.2m. The BICC, Britain's leading cable manufacturer, exceeded market expectations with a 37 per cent leap in taxable profits from £74.6m to £101.9m in the year to tainer division — to £222,000 against a loss of £560,000 and transport activities £44,000 at £114,000. December.

This was due to a strong performance from the inter-PHILIPS LAMP national division, where pro-fits rose from £40.8m to Bright

£69.8m pre-tax.
Dividends for the year are raised by 10 per cent with a 10p. a share gross final making a total of 14.72p against 13.39p.

Under pressure from in-tense worldwide competition and the high cost of restruc-The group spent £73m on and the mgn cost of restruc-turing, net profits of Philips Lamp, the Dutch electronics giant, crept up last year by just 3 per cent to Fl 357m (£75.2m). Sales grew by 16 per cent to Fl 42,411m.

The distribution to charaacquisitions during the year, financed by the £72m rights issue, but Sir Raymond Pennock, chairman, said the group would now sit back. and get profits from them before making further acqui-

At 338p, down 5p, the shares yield 4.4 per cent and stand on a price earnings multiple of 13.4. from retained profits.

ARTHUR BELL

Profits cheer

Whisky industry sales are down at least 10 per cent this year, but Arthur Bell bucked year, but Arthur Bell bucked the trend. Its pretax profits soared 52 per cent to £14.8m in the half year to December as total group sales rose 15 per cent to £146.5m. Turn-over from Scotch whisky alone was 5 per cent higher to £133.9m and the stock

market responded by putting against £263.2m due to the 12p on shares to 186p — the contribution from the £12.5m high for the year, after the dividend was raised to 2.42p Western Plastics. But, in real

competition

HEPWORTH

Dividend held

Hepworth Ceramic Hold-

ings, makers of plastic pipes, vitrified clay and refractory products, saw pretax profits rise to £24.14m from £22.3m

for the year to December 1981, but its share price fell 6p to 110p as the City had been expecting profits of around £25m.

The distribution to share-

sterling terms, sales were 13 per cent lower, Mr Peter Goodall, the chairman, re-

ported. The dividend has been held balance comes from a at last year's level, with a turnround in the glass conproposed pay-out of 4.28p tainer division — to £222,000 gross. This makes the total proposed pay-out of 4.28p tainer division — to £222,000 gross. This makes the total parameters along of £550,000 and dividend 7.50 gross as last dividend 7.5p gross, as last

☐ Slough Estates finished the year to December 31 with pre-tax profits 18 per cent up at £13.47m. Its industrial portfolio stands at about 20 million sq ft and its share trade at 39 per cent discount to net asset value.

☐ Falsifications in the 1980 accounts by a former employee of a Berwick Timpo subsidiary was disclosed yesterday when full year figures showed losses of £457,000 compared with pretax profits of £1.07m last time on turnover depressed by £1.2m to £13.22m. The holders is maintained at FI final 1.80. Of this, FI 0.60 is an interim dividend, FI 1.00 a 2.86p final and FI 0.20 is to be paid A final dividend is passed leaving a half-year payout of 2.86p and 8.57p gross in 1980. ☐ A stronger dollar contributed to a 24 per cent dollar increase in pre-tax profits for

Laing Properties, at £8.7m for the year to December 31. Investment properties income was £11m, compared with £9.4m last time. Directors are recommending a final net dividend of 2.75p which with the interim takes

total payment to 4.5p a share. ☐ Clive Discount Holdings is selling half its 20 per cent stake in International Discount, a discount house in Sales were up to £289.7m Singapore, for £520,000.

#### LATEST RESULTS

Company int or Fin	Sales Em	Profits Em	Earnings per share	Drv. pence	Pay . date	Year's lotal
Annstrong Equip (1)	54.3(48.85)	1.3b(0.74)	<del>-()</del>	0.35(0.55)	_	<b>—(1.49)</b>
Arthur Sell (I)	146.5(137.5)	14.8(9.77)	12.8(10.5)	1.7(1.55)	_	<del>(5.49)</del>
Bestobelt (F)	122,3(119.1)	8.47(7,72)	20.1(32 9)	7.6(7.1)	3/6	
BICC (F)	1,604(1,364)	101.9(74.6)	25.2(23.1)	7.04(6.4)	1/7	10 3(9.4)
Blue Bird (1)	4.81(5.02)	0.2(0.2b)	1 28(2.4)	1,4(1,4)	_	<b>—(3.3)</b>
Church & Co (F)	35.56(32.24)	1:55(1.95)	20.2(28.5)	6(5.5)	_	8.5(8)
Richard Clay (F)	18.9(18.2)	0.95b(0.58)	13.15(7.87)	1(1.4)	-	1(3)
Clifford's Dairies (F)	55.8(49.47)	3.3(2.15)	20.13(21.95)	3.5(2.75)	21/5	5(4)
DRG (F)	534.9(520.3)	15.5(18)	7.2(9.6)	3(3)	5/7	6(6)
Eagle Star (F)	<del>()</del>	73.6(65.0)	<del>()</del>	8(5.5)	15/7	15(10.5)
Albert Fisher (I)	3.08(1.97)	0.026(0.01)	<del>~~</del> ~	<del>-(-)</del>	_	<b>—(0.31)</b>
Hepworth Ceramic (F)	289.7(263.2)	24.1(22.3)	10(10.2)	3(3)	3/7	5.2(5.2) A.
Jones (F)	16.14(15.31)	0 29(1.12)	33(84)	26(26)		26(26)
Jones & Shipman (F)	15.58(22.19)	0.63(2.15)	5.8(11.6)	1.05(2.6)	. —	1.8(3.6)
Laing Props (F)	—()	8.7(7.0)	8.8(7.2)	2.7(2.5)	— .	4.5(4)
Percy Lane (F)	22.8(19.6)	0.83(0.68)	7.4(8.8)	2(1,6a)	1/6	3(2.5a)
Maynards (I)	39 05(1.38)	1.36(1.52)	<del></del>	3.1(3.1)	. 7/5	-(9.37)
J. N. Nichols (F)	12.08(14.8c)	2.56(1.B4c)	25.4(20.8c)	5.5(4c)	_	10(7c)
Philips Lamp (F) (d)	42,411(35,536)	357(345)	1.97(2.01)	1.2(1.2)	_	1.8(1.8)
Prudential (F)	<del>-(-)</del>	43.2(42.5)	14.5(14.2)	8(7)	_	12.5(11)
Rockware (F)	162(170)	0.89(0.47)	2.61(D.29)	2.1(2.1)	_	2.1(2.1)
Rotork (F)	21.9(20.3)	2,84(2.75)	6.8(9.1)	1.3(1.1)	21/5	2.45(2.2)
Birdar (I)	15.45(14.36)	2.92(2.29)	7.7(5.5a)	1.6(1.35a)	18/5	—(3.5a)
Slough Ests. (F)	— <del>(—)</del>	13.4(11.4)	7.65(6.62)	2.07(1.6)	24/5	3.3(2.7)
Berwick Times (F)	13.2(14,44)	0.462(1.07)	8.5b(21.1)	<del>-(-)</del>		20(6)
Vickers (F)	603.6(493.2)	24.6(28.6)	22.7(34.8)	7.4(7.4)	1/7	12(12)
James Welker (I)	12.45(11.59)	0.295(0.67)		1.0(1.0)		<del>(4.0)</del>

#### COMMODITIES

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New York, March 24. — Prices opened higher today in active trading on the New York Stock Exchange. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was ahead by 1.14 points to 827.81 shortly after the market opened. the market opened.

Advances outnumbered de-clines by 479 to 310, among the 1,194 issues crossing the NYSE

day surge, but many warned that profit-taking may become a factor in this session because of

factor in this session because of the recent large gains.

The rally has been bolstered by lower interest rates and some "bargain hunting" following a long decline.

Several large "block trades" lately have indicated that insti-tutions were involved in the market. Some of that has been a matter of traders replacing borrowed shares they sold earlier in hopes the market would go

#### PEOPLE

#### Sir Keith noted for kindness

The sudden death of Sir Keith Showering, 51, chairman and Chief executive of Allied Lyons since 1975, robs his family, friends and busi-ness associates of a man who "played up, and played the game" in the very finest English tradition.

A sportsman on and off the field, he will be remembered as much for his qualities of kindness, charm and con-sideration as for his outsideration as for his out-standing career achievements age to youth indeed at British Transport Docks Board in

both in and outside the City. Sir Keith's colleagues were yesterday deeply shocked and saddened at the news of his passing: "It is a personal loss to each of them, and a loss to the company of a chairman who had considerable experience and a keen business brain," said Sir Derrick Holden-Brown, vicechairman of Allied.

A fellow-director of Allied, Sir Alex Alexander, chairman of J Lyons & Co., praised Sir Keith as "a considerable man in every sense, in whom courage, ability and vision all combined to have a considerable influence in the worlds of industry, commerce and the arts"

It was in 1947 that Sir Keith, son of one of the founding brothers, joined the famous Somerset cider-making firm of Showerings Ltd, which through a series of acquisitions ultimately gained control of Allied. He was also vice-chairman of Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance, a director of the Midland Bank, and was knighted in the Birthday

Honours last year. Sir Keith combined a love of shooting and a keen interest in firearms collecting with the true countryman's concern for wildlife
conservation. Since 1978, he
had been a major shareholder
had been a major shareholder
be in charge for some time. in the gunmaker Holland and Holland.

"He was an extremely loveable, kind and affectionate person," recalls Mr Malcolm Lyell, the managing director and a good friend.

#### **Buckley enters** the family act

Barrister Martin Buckley takes his place in a centurylong family tradition this year when he appears as co-editor of that standard legal work Buckley on the Com-

panies Act.
Published by Butterworth (at £150) when this work was first produced in 1872 "Buck-ley" was Martin Buckley's grandfather, Lord Justice Buckley, later Lord Wren-

Lord Wrenbury saw editions one to nine to press (the ninth edition came out in

# 1909) but the tenth edition

(1924) was edited by non-Buckleys. However the eleventh and twelfth were edited by Sir Denys Buckley, Lord Wrenbury's son and Martin's uncle. The thirteenth edition in 1957 was done by Sir co-editor Denys' Brian them Hugh Williams also a grandson of Lord Wrenbury.

Martin Buckley who is coediting this fourteenth edition (with Brian Parker) explained that the book involves more work than most non-Buckley barristers are willing or able to combine with practice at the Bar

There will be a swing from May when Sir Humphrey Browne, who by then will be 71, hands over chairmanship to his 41-year-old deputy Keith Stuart. Sir Humphrey, who has been chairman for 11 years, was asked to stay on in 1980 to see the board Bri-tain's biggest dock operator with 19 provincial docks.



Sir Humphrey Browne

through to privatization. At that time, it looked as if privatization would be going that it is now, it now looks as if the autumn of this year is a more likely date. Sir Hum-phrey is therefore stepping down as this stage so that the be in charge for some time.

Nicholas Cole

#### NEW **APPOINTMENTS**

Mr Chris Lonberg has been appointed chief executive of Simon, Engineering. He takes over from Mr Harry Harrison

who remains chairman. Mr (en McIntost Henderson has been appointed group commercial director of News International. Mr Henderson is currently finance director of C. schilties in London and has held senior financial positions with

Brascan and Unilever. Mr Christopher T. Woodcock has been appointed a director of Kirkland-Whittaker . . (Sterling

Brokers). David A. R. Stewart have been appointed as directors of the

Excellent overseas results contribute 52% of group profit

reports Ian B Church, Chairman

Sales up 10% at £35.6 million.

Pre-tax profits declined to £1.56 million owing to difficult retail trading conditions in the UK.

Increased final dividend recommended making 8.5p for year (1980 8p) covered 2.4

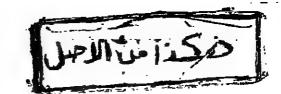
Factories busy and exports exceptionally

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Year Ended 30th September 1981	1981 Group £000	1981 Zimbaliwe £000	1981 Europe £000	1980 Europe £000
Turnover	257,143	15,037	242,106	. 242,863
<b>Group Trading Profit</b>	14,998	2,386	72,612	16,586
Group Net Trading Profit before Taxation	3,549	4,452	(903)	3,996
Dividends Distributed	1,163	1		1,795







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Stock Exchange Prices

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# host for Bestobell profits rise 10pc

This was better than mar-ket expectations and boosted tralia and Africa." Mr Mar-they are still well below their 1981/2 high of 490p.

It was the most difficult plunged from profits of trading year for some time £65,000 to a £385,000 loss, with the main feature being although the order book was the restructuring Mr sandy marshall the group's chairman said.

stobell, the controls, but including a full year's from and energy engineer-trading by Avica, the United group, raised pretax Kingdom trading profit decitis by 9.6 per cent to clined from £5.31m to 47m in the year to Decem £4.69m. On the other hand

Final dividend is raised division rose from £2.39m from 10.14p gross to 10.8p and in the aviation and seals making a total of 18.46p for division from £3.26m to the year, a rise of 6.1 per £3.58m. The energy engineercent on the previous year.

It was the most difficult plurged from profits of

"After allowing for the per cent and stand on a fully loss of revenue from the taxed price earnings multiple consumer products division, of about 13.

# Plant closure costs Rockware £10.7m

Rockware Group, the glass and plastic container manu-facturers, more than doubled pretax profits last year to 1899,000. The final dividend was maintained at 3p gross. No interim was paid.

But below the line Rock-were has included an extra-ordinary cost of £10.7m for closing its St Helens plant which cost 800 jobs. The extraordinary item turned a pretax profit into a net loss of £10.1m.

Nevertheless, the pretax result shows an improvement on the first half, during which Rockware lost £1.35m. Interest charges fell from material were t £5.3m in 1980 to £4.66m last to raise prices. nan and chief executive, said

pressed despite extensive posed in the last Budget.
destocking which could lead The board said. manufacturers of the raw 1982 as a whole"



consequently declined by that interest charges were 58m to 516m, producting an reduced by lower interest operating profit of 56.44m rates, and by tighter handling compared with 58.62m. Mr of cash. Borrowings at the Craigle hopes that a good end of the year were less summer will increase demand than the £22.1m recorded in for drinks containers. Rockware should also gain to the But Mr Craigie also said tune of about £500,000 from that the mainstream glass the freeze on gas prices for container business was demaided in the freeze on gas prices for major industrial users pro-

The board said: "We be to a recovery in demand if lieve that the further actions interest rates fall. Plastics we have taken will bring us were a little better, but the forward into better times for

#### Second half recovery boosts DRG shares

Turnover was down slightly at £567.4m against £568.2m but sales to customers rose from £520.3m to £534.9m. The pretax profit figures indicated a second half recoveryi after first half profits of £4.7m against £10.8m in 1980.

The Merton board mill in race Betting Levy Act of south London, and the rigid box factory at Mangotsfield, pay the levy in 12 monthly instalments.

Although an increase in the total numbers employed to the group down to around the levy is disputed as a matter of course by the Production rationalization also contributed to the second half recovery. Mr Camm on the preceding year's said DRG had regived its turnover but with a significant of the second half recovery and the preceding year's turnover but with a significant of the second half recovery to the levy in 12 monthly instalments.

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#### Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	13%
Barclays	13%
BCCI	13%
Consolidated Crds.	1312%
C. Hoare & Co	*13%
Lloyds Bank	13%
Midland Bank	13%
Nat Westminster	13%
TSB	13%
Williams & Glyn's	13%

He said the United Kingsignificantly altering cusdom workforce had been cut tomer choice, he said. by 3,000 during the year Uncertainty continued into without a reduction in productivity capacity.

Unprofitable activities consumer but holding down
cost increases which would
help profitability in the
current year, he said.

Dividends have been held at last year's level of 4.28p gross per ordinary share. This makes a total pay-out of 8.57p gross, the same as last year. On today's share price, this gives a yield of 10 per

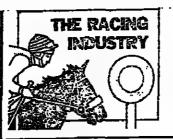
#### ZIMBABWE

Zimbabwe's mineral marketing corporation, which will transfer the mining industry's marketing function from foreign-owned multinationals to state control, is expected to be fully operational within a month.

China is seeking \$900m (£500m) worth of foreign investment for 130 projects mostly to expand or moder-nize factories.

#### M. J. H. Nightingale & Co. Limited 27/28 Lovat Lane London EC3R SEB Telephone 01-621 1212 The Over-the-Counter Market

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334	248	Robert Jenkins	252	_	31.3	12.4	35	8.5
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Part III: Gamblers pay out a fortune each year to the bookmakers who

# say that others should plough back money to benefit the industry Odds in favour of sport itself

By Sally White and Marcel Berlins

Racing and betting feed off Sir Geoffrey Howe, the each other. Where racing is Chancellor of the Exchequer, will bet (to the tune of cent. E2,600m a year), to the advantage of the book-makers. In turn, racing depends on the bookies for much of its financing — for the prize money which is needed to attract high-class horses; capital improvements bookies are milking the to the racecourses; the "integrity services" which ensure that British racing remains "straight"; the support of breeding; and scien-

tific research. Mutual interdependence does not necessarily make for harmony. The racing and betting fraternities have just completed their annual wrangle on how much money racing needs. The Home Secretary adjudicated with the help of one of the City accounting groups, Spicer and Pegler, announcing a decision which was thought to have brought peace with to have brought peace with honour. An increase in the detailed examination of rate of the betting levy of approximately 12 per cent, which will bring in about £20m in the 1982-83 racing season, was the decision are not very profitable and from Mr Whitelaw. That was £4.4m short of the figure asked for by the Horserace Betting Levy Board.

Lord Plummer, the chairman of the Levy Board. Lord Plummer, the chairman of the Levy Board, declared himself reasonably satisfied. Lord Wigg, presi-dent of the Betting Office Licences Association, has

#### Milking the punters?

ants may have underesti-mated the impact on the bookmakers of rising costs.

They employ about 80,000 of the 100,000 people in the racing business at 12,000 outlets. He added that the high rate of tax would leave to the country of illegal bearing. the growth of illegal betung, where bookmakers could offer gaming licences in 1980. better odds because they Grand Metropolitan — the would not be subject to the hotel, brewery, wines and same overheads, expenses or spirits and Express Dairy group — owns Mecca (620)

The Horserace Betting Levy Board was set up by statute in 1961 and given the task of assessing annually a toll to improve racing and breeding, collecting the money from the bookmakers and distributing it to the have about 1,130 retail bet-various claimants. On the ting shops and account for bookmakers' part it is a contribution, a levy amount-ing on average to about 0.88 William Hill made £8.7m, By Drew Johnston

DRG, the paper, stationery and packaging group yester-day announced better than expected pretax profits of £15.5m for the year to December 1981. Profits were for last year, but the City had been expecting the figure to share price rose 129 to 85p.

Turnover was down slightly at 5567.4m against £568.2m but sales to customers rose from £520.3m to £554.9m.

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tio.8m in 1980.

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Mr Said Or 14.7m against also contributed to the second second half recovery. Mr Camm on the preceding year's said overseas profits were stationery lines from 4,000 to length of turnover but with a significant the whole of the recovery. In envelopes, the number the bookmakers because the of products had been cut original request was for a 50 from 400 to 200 without per cent rise. Bad weather earlier this winter reduced revenue and cut deep into bookmakers' profits. This happened only months after the unexpected decision of

of high quality, and known to to raise the tax on off-course be conducted honestly, people betting from 71/2 to 8 per

bookies are milking the punter - to pay 1/2 per cent extra to the revenue they are taking a full 1 per cent. The bookmakers deny this;

they argue that the situation

is more complex and much

less to their advantage than appears on the surface. Rising overheads and falling profit margins, they say, make 10 per cent necessary merely for them to survive. Popular belief has it that there is no such thing as a poor bookmaker. The reality is different. The Rothschild Royal Commission on Gam-bling reported in 1978 after a make a very high rate of return on the money they

have worsened Rothschild report. The history of the big four has been a chequered one in recent years. Only Ladbrokes have retained their independence. Hill are owned by the late Sir Charles Clore's empire, Sears Holdings. Bass (600 outlets) the brewery group, bought the Coral Racing group when Coral Leisure was broken up

have invested in bookmak-ing." The finances of book-

both large and small, worsened since the

Last year Ladbrokes made £14.8m from betting and racecourse management. City forecasts are for £13.5m the present year, and £14m for the next year. Ladbrokes have about 1,130 retail bet-Course betting.
William Hill made £8.7m.

per cent of net turnover. an increase from the pre-Relations between the racing vious year's £6.7m, according and betting sides of the to the annual report for 1980-

The chance to win a small fortune with either the Tote HAVING A FLUTTER which operates on a pool basis, or bookmakers, who offer a variety of bets, proves irresistable to British punters



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The bookmakers may present a united front to outsiders such as the Lavy Board, but there are differences within their own ranks, in particular between the small bookies and the giants. The Betting Office Licences Association (BOLA) represents the big four book making chains, and there are also several smaller members. But most small book makers belong to the book to push out the limit and pool, which is their over, BOLA members pay shared (after administrative about 60 to 70 per cent.

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remain when the present remain when the present dispute has been resolved. Bookmakers are already asking why only they fand the Tote) contribute to the Levy. Why should not a part of the profits made by breeders selling their yearings for vast amounts go to support racing? Or some of the prize money won by owners?

It is time, the bookmakers say, for some of the others to plough a small part of their profits back for the benefit of the industry.

of the industry.

# Vicar's son whose pulpit is a pitch for the punters

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By John Karter, Racing Editor

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For Stephen Little, the son of a Lincolnshire vicar, the "good book" means a "skinner", an expression for which you may search the scriptures in vam.

Given a computer-like factility for juggling figures and a passion for racing kindled while a boy (Little's greatgreat grandfather was a judge at Calcutta racecourse and his uncle, Wilfred Crawford, still trains in Scotland), it was always a shade of odds on that he would forsake the cloth for the turf. Having

borne out by most on-course bookmakers. Little, for example, who is regarded as the case. Some horses will be they backed and others course bookmaker, does drive a Mercedes, but his "mansion" is a modest mortgaged semi-detached in Bath and his "exotic" vacations are usually a "busman's holiday" taken in Ireland.

all be backed in those exact makers cannot sue clients proportions, which is never who refuse to pay being ax on money they have never recaived.

Another problem is that in the pay duty on money they have never recaived.

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business. Just imagine 100 or so dealers in a market place all selling the same article.

#### POINT TO POINT Saunders in rehearsal for Grand

National By Ian Reid

The third of the traditi The third of the traditional members races over natural country, staged by the Cottes-inore at Garthorpe last, Saturday, with won by a head by joey Resum on Southern Faveur from the favourite, Miss Chief. These two thoroughbreds were so far in front of the rest of the field of ordinary hunters, that they made, something of a mockery of the race.

Riding an unimal called Tom was Dick Saunders, wearing the colours of the point to point.

ven, Jenny Pidgeon repeated her Oakley double on French Pea-cock and Never Flap, taking her

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# Niarchos seeks top young

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Stephen Little: Praying for a "skinner" at each race

# Saunders in ehearsal or Grand Vational

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student daughter of Lord Only was the first woman to the the Pegasus. Cup (bar) Monor race. She won it with con-case on I dward Caralet's Only case on roward catalets on vett. Jenny Pidgeon repeated Oaktey druble on French cock and Never Plan laking leading score to Seren in a In the Golden Valley's fe open Dishelom made all a running, holding Miss Frida challenge by four lengths in fastest time of the day, is to Second I vision, Little Ribbs trained by Edi Bryan and ribb by his vourneer son Will reversed the Breath form in healting Demokes, whose solutions is healting Demokes, whose solutions fence ain at in line in the lake Open was in dowish touch Majeria crasten from labyle

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# **SPORT**

RACING: FIRST DAY OF FLAT SEASON AND PLAN TO SAVE GRAND NATIONAL

# Indian King's red-letter-day to end Princes Gate purple patch

The familiar surge of expec-tation will be with us once again as the runners come under orders for the Brocklesby Stakes, the first race of the 1982 flat racing season at Doncaster this afternoon. By the end of the day we will know whose horses are forward in condition, what the ground is like and what side of the course is likely to be favoured by the draw on the straight course.

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No one knows for certain how well their horses are until this moment. As Barry Hills said earlier this week: "Last year I came here on the opening day not fancying my chances one little bit. But by the end of the afternoon, I had saddled three winners". Yesterday there was further support for Hills's William Hill Lincoln Handicap candidate, Herbie Quayle, who is now top priced at 11-1 with all leading furms of bookmakers.

One trainer who generally makes a good start to the season is Guy Harwood: This afternoon the Sussex trainer has two strongly fancied candidates in Indian King and Bold Hawk. Indian King and Bold Hawk. Indian King runs in the day's feature race, the Doncaster Mile, As a three-year-old Indian King gained his most important success on this course when slamming Ackermann by five lengths in the Battle of Britain Handicap at the St. Leger meeting.

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Handicap at the St Leger meeting.

That was an impressive performance as the runner-up was considered unbeatable by his connections. Bur subsequently Indian King disappointed twice, primarily when only fifth behind his stable companion, the current Lincoln favourite Home Coming, in a valuable handicap at Ascot later that mouth.

later that month.

However, that defeat was in soft going and now that the ground is during up Indian King should be in his element. Prince's Gate is sure to be Indian King's, chief market rival, having struck a purple patch last sutumn when his three victories in succession included wins in a handicap at Ascot and the Prix Perth at Saint-Cloud. All those victories were gained in the mud and

favour of indian King.

Silver Season and Milk of the Barley also have to be considered. Silver Season enjoyed a highly successful season in 1981 winning five races — although he was disqualified in one of them — including a victory in the valuable Cecil Frail Handicap at Haydock Park in May. Salver Season is trained by Clive Brittain and the Newmarket trainer is reasonably satisfied with the horse's condition.

"Silver Season is more at home."

last autumn and may be too good at the weights for such as Mirror Boy and Peppery.

The Batthany Handicap for three-years olds.

### Rubstic enjoys day out

Rubstic, the 1979 Aintree Grand National winner, showed that he is no back number despite his 13 years when he ran into second place behind Colonel Henry at Kelso yeaterday.

In brilliant sunshine racegoers were shouting home "Rubby" on the long run-in; but he failed by six lengths to peg back Colonel Henry, who led all the way in the Croall Bryson Hunters Chase, a qualifier of the Land Rover Championship.

Championship.

John leadbetter, Rubstic's ranger said: "I am delighted with him. He is an old-man but he was enjoying himself today. All being well I will run him in the Wilson's Motors Land Rover

Doncaster

2.0 BROCKLESBY STAKES (2-y-o-c-a.g. £1,707: 50) (12 runners)

2.35 BERTIE BASSETT HANDICAP (£3,298: 1 1mm) (15)

Popular Peppany (See Obt) 10th and Regal Steel (Not 1962-11th behalts Lishtatine (real 780), 20 nm. Dencetter. Nov 7, 1 lvm, good. Telemona, umpleced over horder 5th 10, 65-40, drives cell, won 2/4. Si from Gissgow Cacteris (gave 78) and Denring Rose (gave 176) and Denring Rose (gave 176) in 6 popular (real 80), 25 nm. 176) 10 nm. Newbory, Sept 19, 1st 67, sold. Jud 68-11), ridden at way, 2nd. bin 114, to Sedim Gissgow 176, 14 nm. Acces, June 18, 15th 10 nm. 176, 10 nm.

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Form: Gho: 1 ran. Nowbury, Oct 24, 6th soft. Won 5t twice in August. Wordingworth (8-5), always close up, 2nd, bin 15t, to Never So Lucky (gave 9th) with Dragems (no. 125). Wormer in April but disappointing is autumn. 7st, bin Brither 1(1, 13 ran. Notingham, Oct 26, 6t, soft. Thanderbridge (8-11) 6th, bin 115t, to Mirabeau (gave 48b). 8 ran. York, Oct 10, 6t soft. Previously, won 51. Newcostis, Aug 10. Feather Sound (8-7) always close op,

1 (000111- PRINCES GATE (0) (Hamdon Al-Makoloum) Thomson Jones 5-8-0

3.5 BATTHYANY HANDICAP (3-y-o: £3,848: 6f) (9)

3.35 DONCASTER WILE )27,271: 1m) (9)

Tota Double: 3.5 and 4.5. Trable: 2.35, 3.85 and 4.35.

[Television (ITV): 2.35, 3.5 and 3.35] [Y 3.5]

Carson is even-money favourite to win his fifth jockey's cham-pionship and this determined Scotsman can get off the mark for the season on Judd in the Bertie Bassett Stakes. Judd found his form with a vengence

with the horse's condition.

"Silver Season is more at home in the numb but he is not inconvenienced by good going," Brittain said. "If he runs reasonably well I would expect to see Winart become favourite for the Lincoln as Gavin Princhard-Gordon's coit beat my fellow by three lengths and a gallop last Saturday."

Willie Carson, who is making his return to the saddle after severe injuries stickined in a fall on Silken Season. He is also riding three other horses for Brittain including Pontos, who runs against Bold Hawk in the French Gate Maiden Stakes. Pontos ran pretty well on several occasions last season, but Bold Hawk, who showed exceptional

Braithwaite at Cupar, returns to Kelso on April 5 for the first running over the course of the Horse and Hound Buttler Hunters Chase. Leadbetter started off the meeting by taking division one of the Heiton Novices Hurdle when Conform beat Armenos by a length.

John O'Neill pushed Conform into the lead at the fifth and the filly never looked like being caught. Mrs Betty Ward, the winning owner, of Grantham, bought Conform for 12,000 guineus at the Newmarket sales last back-end. "The filly has been bought to run in a couditions hurdles race at Cheltenham", Leadbetter said.

O'Neill completed a double in division three of the novice hurdle when Flying Shuttle just

### Mr Davies agrees to sell Aintree for £7m

By Michael Seely

After a lengthy session of debate agreement was finally reached at 9.30 yesterday morning between the Jockey Club and Bill Davies on the sale of Aintree. The chairman of the Walton Property Group is prepared to sell the course, the home of the Gamd National for 17m, which is film less than Mr Davies's original asking price.

Lord Plummer, the chairman of the Horserace Betting Levy Board has always made it plain that such a sum could not be raised from official sources. Therefore, a worldwide appeal for outside funds to save the world's greatest steeplechase is being launched. Full details of the scheme will be announced later this week.

The future of the National has been hanging in the balance for the past 33 years and it has become obvious that only a dramatic development such as this could prevent next month's running of the race from being the last Grand National. The money will have to be found by November 1.

The plan is that the money should be passed over to Racecourse Holdings Trust, which is a subsidiary of the Jockey Club. For its part RHT would guarantee essential care and maintenance and run the race for the foreseeable future.

Captain John MacDonald-Buchanan, the senior steward of

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Captain John MacDonaldBuchanan, the senior steward of
the Jockey Club, has been much
heartened by the public response
received and is sure that the
money can be raised. These
sentiments are echoed by John
Henderson, the chairman of

RHT.
Lord Derby has agreed to head the Aintree Trust and the well known racing author, Dick Francis, will be another trustee. Mr Francis said yesterday: 'I am sure the people in this country do not fully understand the worldwide appeal of the National and I can see dollars, yen,



Lord Derby: has agreed to head Aintree Trust.

into the fund."

Sir Trevor Jones, the leader of Liverpool City Council, also welcomed this latest move. "I can see every prospect of the project being successfull. Most people consider Mr Davies to have been the villain of the piece but this has never been my view particularly when you consider the loss he must have sustained on his original investment, taking inflation and interest charges into account."

Mr Davies said: "I've always Mr Davies said: "I've always considered RHT to be the ideal hody to manage the National and I hope to see the race saved for the forseeable future."

Looking on the gloomy side, if the appeal fails, the balance of the monies raised will be handed back to the donors or suitable charities such as the Injured Jockeys Fund. Sir Trevor Jones also stressed that there was no possibility of Mr Davies being given planning permission on the site and that if all else failed compulsory purchase might have to be considered.

There is no doubt that not only has the National become part of our national beritage, it also possesses immense appeal all over the world. It is more than a horse race, it is an institution which annually thrills millions of

TOTE: Win 68p; places: 18p, 13p, 10p, Duel F: 22.07 CSF 28.08 Mrs W Syles, Bishoo: Castle, Mirt Sheek (4-1) 4th 41, 11, 13

TOTE: Win. 41p; piacoa, 11p. 10p. 28p. Dual F: 34p. CSF: 78p. Miss B Griffiths, Presteigns. 21f. 2l. Sharp Deel (9-4 k fav) 4p. 1 mis.

4.30 (4.31) WORCESTER COUNTY CHICKET CLUE CHASE (Handicap: £1,402: 3m)

COCLAFANCY b g by Arctic Stave Memour (Mrs R Henriques) 11-10-11 Mr A J Wilson (3-1 lav) 1 Mandolin King Mrs Henriques H Davies (4-1) 3

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San (5.1) BARNABAS CHASE (Novices: Div II: 51,167: 25m)

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5.30 (6.32) PITCHCROFT HURDLE E1,000 (Novices: Div 3, £890; 25m)

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# English rebels just fail to stop clean sweep by S Africa

From Eric Marsden, Johannesburg, Mar 24

a match which alternated between farce and melodrama robbed the rebel English tourists of what would have been their first tour win by .034 of a run first tour win by .034 of a run here today. South Africa thus made a clean sweep of the three one-day matches and the tourists have only the final four-day match, which starts at Durban on Friday, to redeem themselves.

They finally threw away a game which was ruined by rain and decidedd arbitrarily by the calculator, when they failed to score four runs off the last over to reach 112 needed from 23 overs to beat South Africa's 243

to reach 112 needed from 23 overs to beat South Africa's 243 from 50 overs at a rate of 4.86.

This was all the more astonishing because the task had seemed hopeless when 20 were needed with two overs to go and the sky darkening, but Amiss hit Le Roux for a four and two sixes off successive balls.

Humans fored wan der Riil

off successive balls.

Humpage faced van der Bijl with only four needed to win, but after missing the first two balls hit the next on to his stumps via a pad. A wide and a shaky single by Knott left two runs to get from two balls and Amiss to face, but he skied the first and wicket keeper Jennings took a difficult catch running backwards towards third man.

Sidebouron last man be and

Sidebottom, last man in and facing the last ball, had been exhorted by his team mates to hit and run at all costs. He did his best to comply by edging the ball to third man but Barry Richards's return to the wicketkeeper found poor Sidebottom three yards short of completing

his second run.

The total sot by slide rule
methods seemed a mite unfair as
the South Africans bad scored

The run-out off the last ball of only 92 off their first 23 overs. match which alternated But Gooch was in aggressive elween farce and melodrama form and he and Boycott scored form 15 overs in poor light and intermittent rain until a mix-up caught them both at the same end and disposed of Gooch for 38 Larkins helped Boycott to take the score to 86 until Le Roux dismissed both in one over. Two runs later van der Bijl bowled Willis and set the scene for the extraordinary finish. In the morning, which was

mostly dry and sunny, The Souh Africans reached their formid-able 243 for five as a result of a late onslought by Clive Rice and Adrian Kuiper, the new cap from Western Province.



Clive Rice (above): flurry. Arnold Sidebottom:



# Great craftsman's 30-year itch

The old war borse, Neil Coles, impressively won through to the last six of the Sunningdale foursomes yesterday at the side of Doug McGlelland, who shared the first prize with him two years

the first prize with him two years ago.

The way they played yesterday, especially in the afternoon, suggested that this may be another winning week, yet Coles has been competing so long that he is not sure himself when he made his maiden voyage. He stabbed his finger at the list of winners and steadily receded to 1952. "I remember playing when Scrutton won", he said, but he could not guarantee that he had not tried his hand earlier. It is unlikely even for him, because he is now 47.

But Coles remains the great craftsman and mercifully practis-

craftsman and mercifully practises what he preaches in the matter of slow play. His fourth round match against Keith Axwell and Phil Taylor lasted only two hours

match against kern Arkeni and Phil Taylor lested only two hours or so, but it does help things along if you can avoid playing the last three holes. Coles and McClelland won by 4 and 3. They were four under par to that point, needing three fours for a 56. Taylor and Maxwell played well but they could not live with two hardened professionals in this mood.

It was a gloriously sunny day, stolen from high summer, you might say, provided you chose that day in July when our climate tends to behave. There was an element of thrust and counter thrust going out and the winners, having taken three holes with birdies, were only one up at the turn. Coles was the strong man at first, finding the first green with a two wood, striking a five iron

3.50 (3.31) KING JOHN CHASH (Handleap: 12,103: 3m 50)  to eight feet off the fourth tee and a three iron to 18 inches off the seventh fairway. Meanwhile they had lost the third to a birdie and the fifth, uncharacteristical-

and the fifth, uncharacteristically, to a per four.

McClelland emplated his partner's example with a three iron stone dead at the 10th and their opponents, making a hash of the eleventh, could never achieve the birdies that were a minimum requirement against opponents in this form.

THEO ROUND: P Taylor and K Maxwell 2 and 1 Miss J Southly and Mas C Walts; D Mayor R Wynn and K Robson 4 and 2 G Mayor Sand 1 Miss A Corner, G Torbett and R Smith 1 hole C Clerk and K Williams; Miss C Langlord and Mus M

R Lee.

R Lettuers and G Pook 2 and 1 P Townsend and 1 Sunger, P Monley and R Burgess 2 and 1 S Geddes and 5 Roberts; J Neston and C Lepton 5 and 4 P Longmore and 1. Nostos; D Ray and D Scenler, 3 and 1 M Sterman and 1 March 1 M Sending and G Brown; Il Price and A Campbel 5 and 4 P Parker and M Wiggins; J Dester and March 2 and 1 M Sending and G Brown; Il Price and A Lemphel 5 and 4 T Parker and M Wiggins; J Dester and Marc C Campbel 5 and 4 Dester and March 2 and 1 and

A stroke on the card gave them their first hole, and a stroke into the heather by Lionel Platts the second. They needed no further

second. They needed no further encouragement.

The Welsh sisters, Vicki Thomes and Mandy Rawlings, followed suit, beating Alan Gillard and Jerry Robson 4 and 3. The women, according to the elder sister, Mrs Thomes, "played like dream", except for the three holes from the ninth, all of which were lost. From one up, they won the next three holes and a half at the 15th carried them through.

#### Yesterday's Sunningdale results

and D Bergsont: I Grant and a Reynolds 2 and 1 A Carter and N Newsout; A Broodway and G Derkson 4 and 3 M Blainay and M Wall; T Morean and R Percived 4 and 2 G Stratheam and R Percived 4 and 2 G Stratheam and Michael W Allace; II Wayers and M MacLian 1 hote O Browte and H Spensor; P Green and C Michael 3 and 2 A Clark and N Lawrence; G Harrist and G Hawkins 4 and 2 R Bagilla and II William.

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Trung anto T Underwood; If Park and T Lane 19th D Regen and S Barr.

McLatiand and Coles 4 and S Taylor and Motovett. Broadway says Derkuon 8 and 4 Grant and Reynolds; Morgan and Parcival 4 and 3 Whystel and McLean; Groon and Mitchell 8 and 3 Harris and Havelings; Cox and Bennatt 2 and 1 Solies and Jackson: Miss McKenna and Miss Mayler 6 and 4 Plaths and Platts; Morley and Burgess 1 hole Lathers and Jepson; Davies and Mirs Caldwell 8 and 7 Proce and Campbell; Muscroft and Muscroft 2 and 1 Wirm and Robson; Platner and Harrison 3 and 2 Hill and Ferly Miss Revellings and Mirs Thomas 4 and 3 Robson and Gillard; Dorsy and Heps 1 hole Technott and Scrift; Miss Langford and Miss Walkor 2 holes Nesbery and Joyce; Dolsy and Small 6 and 4 Park and Lane; Rattee and Clements 4 and 2 Hurgan and Gallagber.

#### Texan may find form on tartan isle From John Ballantine, Hilton Head Island, March 25

It was at the Sea Pines
Heritage Classic here last year
that Bill Rogers, the tall,
personable 30-year old Texan,
began a string of victories that
took him through the British
Open, the world series of golf
and the Texas Open. He also won
the Suntory Open in Japan and
the New South Wales and
Australian Opens.

Rogers has had nothing like
the some success so far this
season but why should he not
start again on the magnificent
links of Harbour Town? Tom
Watson, the 1979 champion or
Hubert Green the winner in 1976
and 1978 or Jerry Pate, the
winner of the Tournament
Players' Title on Sunday, as well
as Tom Kite, Gary Player, Hale
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have something to say about it.

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America's very first golf club, found in 1776 by the Rev Henry Purcell at a place called Charleston's Green and a real attempt is made here to preserve that tradition.

Nick Faldo, who now lies 37th on the money list with £15,395, and Peter Oosterhuis, whose game is improving, are joined here by Greg. Norman 

Brian Barnes, the defending champion, and David Jagger, the leading money winner on the African Circuit, are favourites for the £73,000 Zambian open golf championship beginning at the Lusaka golf club.

They have been prominent on the African circuit this year, with Jagger winning the Nigerian open and finishing second to Eammon Darcy, of Ireland in the Kenyan Open. — Reuter.

#### HOCKEY

# Lillyman makes London pay a double penalty

By Sydney Friskin

After two days of hard labour in the field Universities Athletic Union and Cambridge qualified for today's final of the British-Universities Sports Federation tournament at Heddon-on-the-Wall, Newcastle yesterday. UAU, last year's winner, beat London 40 in the semi-final found and Cambridge overcame stubborn resistance from Northern Ireland to win 2-0.

UAU's entry into the final was foreshadowed earlier when they completed their group matches with a 6-0 victory over Trinity (Caller Tribity).

Cambridge, who completed their group matches with London in the morning, had a more bazardous passage into the final and were lucky to survive a number of spirited attacks by Northern Ireland early in the second half when shots from close range by Heggarty and McCabe just missed the target.

Apart from that Northern Ireland succeeded in disrupting Cambridge's rhythm until Lewis broke through on his own towards the end to earn a penalty

with only two conceded. They are clear favourites to retain the

clear favourites to retain the trophy.

London, who had a bad season, played exceptionally well in this tournament and held UAU in check for 12 mins. before Lillyman scored to put the champions ahead. London suffered another setback when Kong, one of their best forwards was taken to hosoital with an arm

broke through on his own towards the end to earn a penalty stroke which Atkinson converted. Lewis made the game safe for Cambridge by scoring the second goal soon after off a pass from the right by Scott. So, Cambridge reached the final only for the second time, having won the title on their only previous entry into the final in 1969.

Oxford, winners in 1980, will

Oxford, winners in 1989, will complete a disappointing tournament. Trinity College Dublin were unlucky to lose on penalty strokes to Scotland who will play off with Wales today for fifth place. place. Group A: Scotland O. Cambridge 8; London O. Carlord C, Scotland 1, London 3; Cambridge 4, Oxford 1: Scotland 3, Oxford 2; Cambridge 2,

HORSE TRIALS

his mark

Richard Meade, the most garlanded of all our international three-day event riders, added the first novice class at the Dow-nlands (Liphook) horse trials yesterday to the one he captured

at Weston Park in Shropshire on Saturday. He was riding the same horse, Timoru, owned by George Wimpey, and he is currently in the lead for the national points championsip, Ann Loriston-Clarke, aged 17, daughter of Mrs Anthony Loris-too-Clarke, the world bronze medallist in dressage, did well to keep Captain Mark Phillips out of

keep Captain Mark Philips out of second place on the Range Rover team's Out and About.

This Downlands fixture, now in its 20th year, is fated to be the last, as Woolmer Farm is to be sold. Mr's Kenneth Poland, who initially organized this highly successful meeting with her late husband, is an ardent supporter

Successful meeting with her late husband, is an ardent supporter of the sport, is an ardent supporter of the sport, is an ardent supporter of the sport, is successful and successful and

# FORSE: Prince's Gate (Set. 1785) led in find (, son %), 4 fines Dissonal Prospect (sec 225) and londan Righ (sec 350.). 18 ran. Seint-Cloud, Nov 11, 1m, soft. Stenderbagen (9-10) last of 6, birn 16½1, in Kityhewk (sec 15b). Doncaster, Sept 10, 71, good, brillen King (9-12), tax, last %-way, son weekshead, 8th to Swinging Rebtel (sec 40b). 15 cm. Novmarket, Oct 3, 71, good: previously (8-9), 4.05 FRENCH GATE STAKES (3-y-o majdens: £1,035: 1m) (22)

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# \*\*ESO\*\* 2.15: 1, Constorm (9-4); 2, Armenos (20-1); 3. Miss Apollo (11-2). 11 ran, 2.45: 1. Outlaw: Man (7-1); 2, Costlondin (9-2 inv); 3, Autumn Glow (9-1), 14 ran, 3.15: 1, Costlond Henry (12-1); 2, Ruterinc (9-1); 3, Gayla Warring (9-1); 18, Ritamonan 7-4 inv. 10 ran, 3.45: 1. \*\*Lestrier Read (events fast); 2, Uncte Vancia (53-1); 3, Little Abbory (53-7), 15 ran, 4.15: 1; 3, Little Abbory (53-7), 15 ran, 4.15: 1; Costle Strend (100-30); 2, Whell a Coup (7-1); 3, Churchill Peak (10-1); Solo-Slam 9-4 law, 11 ran, 4.45: 1, Peathendoic (4-1); 2, Border Knight (6-4 law); 3, Religiotin (5-2), 8 ran, 5.16: 1, Polyon Shuttle (13-2); 2, Bettor Red (4-1); Columny (9-4 § law), Duites Gold 9-4 jt law, 8 ran. Southwell

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2 15: 1. Blokles (2-5): 2. Cost Kanda (8-1): 3. Merelist (20-1). 8 rgn. NR: Marstain. 2.45: 1. The Go-Bay (7-4 tax): 2. Solders Web (7-2): 3. Albion Prince (7-2). 9 rgn. 3.15: 1. Tom Mool (10-1): 2. Trent Valley 4-1): 3. Hit The Roof (33-1). 11 rgn. Cleant 

TAINTON (By Our Racing Stell) 2.30 Cornish Granan. 3.0 Space Briege. 3.30 State Patrol. 4.0 Stopped. 4.30 Drops O'Brandy. 50 Tricks.
TOWCESTER (By Our Racing Staff): 1.46 Spartella, 2.15 Care. 2.45 Seed Pearl. 3.15 Sr Michael. 3.45 See Image. 4.15 Clog Dance. 4.45 Coderar. 5.19 Settimato.

Cambridge overcame stubborn resistance from Northern Ireland to win 2-0.

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Olympian makes

By Pamela Macgregor-

# Party Greek Land

Nicholas, Arsenars and player, was last night at the player, was last night at the player of a deadline day ster mystery. Nicholas went water against the players Spain in prid: Cup hosts Spain in Mencia amid rumours that he was set to sign for a Midlands

I have had calls from my wife what is going on," he said.
Nicholas host his Arsenal place
four games ago after the 2 — 0
home defeat by Swansea City. It
has been rumoured that Nicholas
could be moving to Course of Sign has been rumoured that Nicholas could be moving to Coventry City in exchange for the striker Garry Thompson, bur Arsenal would also have to make a cash adjustment and their manager Terry Neill last night denied knowledge of the deal. "It is news to me," he said.

Coincidentally, Arsenal paid

Coincidentally, Arsenal paid £400,000 for Nicholas on deadline day a year ago with Price moving to Selburst Park as part of the deal. Although Nicholas has been

winger Thomas's free trasfer to Middlesbrough from Vancouver Whitecaps.

Yesterday Southampton led a late dash when Lawrie McMene-my paid Oxford United £230,000 for the third division's leading scorer Cassells and an 18-year-old England youth defender, Wright.

In exchange Oxford signed Hebberd for £80,000, and took the striker Lawrence on loan until the end of the season. Oxford also signed Watford's midfield player, Train, for £10,000

Crystal Pllace may be active as well. After the the 2-0 defeat by Leicester City on Tuesday their manager Steve Kember said: "All my players are available." Several of them, including Wicks, Cannon and Hilaire, have already handed in written transfer requests and Mr Kember will spend the last few hours anxiously looking for a striker, having been denied Swindlehurst of Derby and Worthington, now with Leeds United.

deal. Although Nicholas has been happy at Highbury he acknow-ledged: "The way things are at the moment I would have to be interested in a move but I just want to forget about it until after Wales's game." Nicholas is waiting to hear further news from his agent and said: "There is a chance I could be met at the hrake on football's merry-go round at 5.00 pm today after a season which has seen a £10m xlump in deals to reflect the economic plight of the game. Up to last night there had been approximately 200 transfers, with just a handful this week, leased by Swindon Town ealier including the former England



Nicholas: signed for

# Dutch courage on road to Spain

For all the extenuating circum- reinforced by retreating Dalglish stances, Scotland's 2-1 win over the Netherlands in a largely insignificant "friendly match" at Hampden Park on Tuesday did insignificant "friendly match" at Hampden Park on Tuesday did little for reputations and gave only a mild fillup to team spirit.

The absence of Souness, Hansen, Robertson and Hartford could not be concealed even against a young and only partly rebuilt Dutch team. Hansen in particular was missed. His placid muthority and considered forays into the opposition's half cannot easily be replaced.

The Dutch obviously still produce skilful players despite continuing domestic difficulties. They infiltrated the Scottish penalty area with disturbing the penalty area with disturbing the penalty area with disturbing the penalty the last match to using this last match.

his squad, Jock Stein, the Scotland manager, was committed to using this last match against foreign opposition before the World Cup as an experiment, and he was not deterred. At half-time, with Scotland deservedly 2-1 ahead but the Dutch beginning. I ahead but the Dutch beginning to establish rhythm in their own inexperienced side, they replaced Dalglish and Archibald with Brazil and Burns. The effect was to disjoint the flowing attacks which had been seen at their best in a memorable second goal by Dalglish who began and ended a 50 vard move.

The two new caps, Evans and Bett, were not disgraced nor were they instant successes. Neither is likely to dislodge the reglar player in his position. Evans suffered the problems of trying to mark the transcription. trying to mark the remarkably promising young Dutch cente-forward, Kieft Bett, quict but efficient, perhaps found in difficult to distinguish the conefficient, perhaps difficult to distinguish

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Without Robertson's service

movement by finding space to head in. An off-side decision saved Scotland who had been given talse security by the second goal scored by Dalglish from Jordan's feather-flicked

Kieft's header past Rough after half an our confirmed doubts about a hesitant defence. Even the Dutch team manager Kees Rijvers, said: "You will need Hansen."

Nevertheless, with Gray fend-Nevertheless, with Gray tending off influenza and Rough alowed by a leg injury, the outcome was satisfactory, especially after losing to Portugal and Spain. Mr Stein could enjoy some reserved pleasure for having pulled Scotland through a potentially difficult occasion before 71,000 demanding and moderately pleased supporters.

#### Decision day for Scottish clubs

Glasgow where an important decision will be taken today. At the offices of the Scottish Football League in the city, the fate of the League structure north of the border will be decided.

Scotland's 38 senior clubs vote on a controversial plan hatched by the Scottish League manage-ment committee to change the League format and the unofficial opinion polls indicate a result as close as the predictions for the Hillhead constituency.

According to the legislators, who convene today's extraordinary annual meeting, it is a plan
"to safeguard the future of the game in Scotland as we know it To some managers and officials a totally new mid-field often the proposal is welcomed. Others income for some clubs."

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THIS WEEK AGAIN- WINNERS GALORE ON THE

Hillhead is not the only part of have described it as "a coward's charter" designed to protect the teams struggling for premier division survival year after year. The plan is to replace the present three-tier system of 10, 14, and 14 clubs with a split of 16, 12, and 12, which would necessi-12, and 12, which would necessitate bringing in two new Clubs into the bottom division. To succeed the plan requires a two-thirds majority, in other words 26 votes, and athe Scottish League are confident their proposal will go through safely. The Scottish League president David Letham says: "Certain clubs could not survive a prolonged stay outside the top division. This would mean certain

division. This would mean certain demise. It is essential to expand the top league despite the fact

East Midlands ..... 22

For some while at Franklin's

For some while at Franklin's Gardens yesterday it looked as if East Midlands would have the rare pleasure of a win over their traditional opponents in the Edgar Mobbs Memorial match, which is sponsored these days by Carlsberg. They established an early lead of ten points — with any luck at all it might have been more — against a side including

### Ireland are routed on their route

From Stuart Jones Football Correspondent Paris, March 24

Northern freland ....

to Spain

Northern Ireland disintegrated Northern Ireland disintegrated in this World Cop warmup match at the Part des Princes, a breathcatching goal from a volley by Genghini completing their night of misery. It was their second setback in as many starts—their first was against Spain—in their runup to the finals in lune.

Mcllroy should have scored within five minutes and Brothers-ton within 10. Lopez, an experienced centre half alongside experienced centre half alongside Tresor, his senior partner, was clearly at fault on both occasions. First he tapped Brotherston's pass into the path of of Mcliroy, who sensibly declined the use of power but his precision was awry.

Brotherston decided to take on the whole of France's central defeace. Already weathing with

the whole of France's central defence. Already weaving with conspicuous success wide on the right, he ran fully 50 yards, leaving three shirts behind him before lifting his effort over.

The Irish wings were clipped when Cochrane strained a thigh muscle and gave way to Stewart, who has appeared in only three full League games for Queens Park Rangers, to gain his first tap.

Giresse, a diminutive figure who would have looked more appropriate seared on a racehorse, made the breakthrough after half an hour. He discovered a hole on the right, wriggled through it and crossed from the byline to the far post. Zenier, selected for the second time as part of an experimental foward line, beaded neatly home.

The lrish, by now becoming raged, were fortunate to concede only one more goal before the interval. Platt, Jenning's patient understudy, kept out two attempts from Bellone and Bossis but be failed to hold on to Zenier's drive on the stroke of half-time. Couriol, following up, squeezed in the rebound.

In enough disarray already, the

In enough disarray already, the In enough disarray already, the Irish helped France to a third goal after 55 minutes. Brotherston slipped in midfield, Larios, almost risibly gargantuan beside his tiny colleague, Giresse, strode through the vacant defence, but was blocked by Platt, the ball fell loose to Bellone. Platt brought him down and Larios scored emphatically from the penalty spot.

Larios scored emphatically from the penalty spot.

Billy Bingham, in need of lifting his sagging troops, made two substitutions, bringing on one Tulsa Roughneck, Caskey, for another, McCreery, and replacing McIlroy with Spence. France, too, introduced Battison for Lopex and, later, Soler for Couriol. By then, though, it was marely an exhibition of their undouted skills.

PRANCE: J Cestanede; M Amores, M Bosses, C Lopez, M Tresor, J F Lunous, A Courtol, A Gresse, B Befone, BGenghini, J Zenier NORTHERN INFLAND: J Platt: J Nicholl, C Nicholl, J O'Nelli, M Donaphy, D McCreery, N Brotherston, M O'Noll, G Amestrong, S McCroy, T Cochrane, (sub. Sewert), Referes: M Verheeghe (Belguan)

Yesterday's results INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Spain 1, Wales 1. UEFA UNDER-21: Quarter-Inst Scotland ( Raty O. FIRST DIVISION: West Brommeh Albien 2.

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Barbarians linger but not long

had Swift clear on his right but dummied inside, withstanding the last tackle.

By Peter West, Rugby Correspondent

**RUGBY UNION** 

BADMINTON

# **Baddeley beaten** and far from fit

By Richard Eaton thempton to the competition

all fell on the first day of the All-Ingland championships spon-sored by John Player at Wembley Arena yesterday. Fitness and form can fluctuate quickly; none was the upset that it semed on paper. More important were their Lisalotte Blumer, of Switzer-

land, was benten so comprehensively 11-5, 11-2, by the Japanese Sumiko Kitada only one month before she defends her European

before she defends her European title that it is very hard to see her defending it effectively.

Steve Baddeley, pulled out of the England v Japan series more than a month ago and needed for the Thomas Cup in two months time, suggested in his first match back that he is still far from fit.

The English excepted champion

time, suggested in his first match back that he is still far from fit. The English national champion lost 15-11, 5-15. 12-15 to 19-year-old Torven Carlsen, who does not even play regularly for his club in the Danish league. The Baddeley chest virus has been so long-lasting that the defeat is an especially worrying one.

Verawaty Fajirin, who has married since winning the world title in 1980 and whose results have nose-dived, lost 9-11, 4-11 to the 19 years old Zeng Yuli. The significance of this is that the Chinese, playing their first All-England, had scored a win over Indonesia, hitherto regarded as the leading badmington nation, Many more battles will have to be contested before supremacy can be decided but for the moment it is first blood for the mewcomers. Yuli in any case is an interesting character. She is Chinese national champion, but insists that Zhang Ailing, the top seed here, is better than her. She is timy yet her father, improbably, is a basketball coach. She hobbles and she enthuses, "I come here to learn," she says, but it very much looked the other way about. Her first trip abroad in November brought her the scalp of the world runner-up, Lie Ivana, and the women's singles title in the Indian Masters. Now she is handing out lessons in anticipation and mobility to the world champion.

More curious still was the intermittent progress of 19-year-

More curious still was the intermittent progress of 19-year-old Catherine Troke, of Sou-

There was a touch of race fever on the Tideway yesterday as the Oxford and Cambridge crews made their final pre-paraction for Saturday's Bost

paration for Saturday's Boat Race (2.30). The umpire, Cam-bridge's Michael Muir-Smith, was present for the rehearsals; a BBC camera crew was afloat with stage managers ashore, and for the first time the Cambridge camp reported a full complement.

On Tuesday evening there was

On Tuesday evening there was a rumour that Cammbridge would row a substitute yesterday. Their freshman at five, Bruce Philip—the heaviest man in this year's Boat Race at 213 lbs—had a stomach upset on Tuesday evening during Cambridge's contex with a British lightweight eight.

No doubt a three and a half

No doubt a three and a half length win over their opponents on Tuesday evening and an official record from Hammersmith Bridge to the Mile Post by four seconds strengthened his and Cambridge's resolve. In a critical stage in the Boat Race build-up, Philp was after all in the Cambridge boat yesterday.

kick two more goals.

EAST MOLARDS (Northampton unless stated). M. Humbersone (Richmond). M. Summers, D. Woodnow (rep., J. Cubit), R. Barrow, N. Underwood, M. Ebsworks, I. Pack, Gladiord, captaini, S. Astiton (Bedrord), J. Raphaot, M. Fox, Sweet, V. Carvon, R. Williamson (Bedrord), A. Whitabuse (Bedford), R. Esse Sanghad, A. Whitabuse (Bedford), R. Esse Sanghad, A. Swill (Swarses), A. Rackmonn (Newport), P. Dodge (Lefoctier), N. Preston (Richmond), A. Swill (Swarses), A. Smith (Sale, captain), C. Elisans (Swarses), A. Simpson (Sale), I. Missel, Captain), C. Elisans (Swarses), A. Smith (Sale, captain), C. Elisans (Swarses), A. Smith (Sale, captain), C. Elisans (Swarses), A. Smith (Sale, captain), C. Elisans, (Swarses), A. Smith (Sale, captain), C. Elisans, C. M. Carbinatson (Seedingley), R. Heafword (Briston).

• Robert Bennett, the British

Fever on the Tideway

man Alf Twinn for the first time since the crew's arrival on the Tideway for their final fort-

Tideway for their final fortnight's preparations.

Mr Twinn is Cambridge's
greatest stalwart; illness had kept
him away for the first time ever
until yesterday afternoon. Mr
Twinn's encouragement to his
charges, however, is not to be
underestimated.

From the stake-boat yesterday
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starts the crews had varying starts. Oxford moved off at the fastest rating and then descended

progressively to a workmanlike race. Cambridge moved off at a slightly lower rate and then wound up to their race tempo. A

2000 Face is IR prospect.

ORFORD: "N A Connington (Hempton and Orici) bow, G R N Holland (Radley and Orici) how, G R N Holland (Radley and Orici) how, G R N Holland (Rodley). "R P Yonge (Ring's Carlerbury and New College). "N B Rankov (Bradford GS and St Hugh a), S J L Foster (Brathwood and Pembroka). A K Kirkpainck (Melhodist College, Bellast, Durham University and Orici R C Clay (Eton and New College) attoke, S Brown (Taumon and New College). The College (Taumon Calabothers). In S J Engage (Taumon Calabothers).

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good race is in prospect.

proper for the first time. Two years ago she won two qualifying matches but was denied acceptance when she lost to her

vounger sister Helen. This time Catherine went one better and made it to the first round. Her reward for reaching Wembley was another match with her

England's youngest-ever inter-

national at the age of 16 last year. "I have never beaten her," complained catherine, who this time lost 11-3, 11-4, but she will get another chance. The with-

drawal of Scotland's Pam Hamil-

ton allows her to play today in the first round of the women'

doubles with Alison Fulton. Their opponents are Jill Pringle of Lancashire and, inevitably, sister fictor.

# Success on new stage

**FOOTBALL** 

SQUASH RACKETS

ROUND-UP

As a spectator sport squash must hour and 38 minutes and Lisa in future be measured against the Opic. so fluently very le that hazardously experimental but one worked her sacte dad been one wier for lon er, took only 30 minutes to hear stuth Strauer, 9.3, 9.4,9.5. There—ked a class span. remarkably successful p esenremarkably successful peshination of the Patrick tournament at the Chick-ster Festival Theatre. For the quarter final round about 1,200 people, close which they we not. which they are thun at Stockton nine days earlier and now took charge again Often Hunt did not get to the ball fast enough nor to the theatre's capacity, packed around the "thrust" stage and viewed play through the back and side walls of a Plexi Glass court. get to the ball last enough nor hend to it freely enough. But Hunt played an exemplary fourth game while Jahan was coasting. In the fifth latan led 5-2 but was

The entire scene was a thrilling advance on anything the game has known. The side-wall spectacle was particularly satisfying. If the monitors are any guide the tournament may also have raised televised squash to a level never

previously attained.
In retrospect all this will matter more than the fact that, in the first half of the programme, the British open men's champion the British open men's champion and the British national women's champion progressed to the finals. Cooff Hunt beat Hidayat Jahan 9-7, 4-9, 7-9, 9-1, 9-5 in an

sister ficien.

There were defeats for Englands numbers one and three, Ray Stevens and Nick Yates to Chinese players but there were some useful English wins too. Wendy Massam, national under-21 champion, had a splendid 11-6, 12-10 win over Camana's Wendy Carter, seeded eighth last year.

Diane Simpson, England's number eight last season, but possibly lower at the moment, beat last year's semi-finalist, Kirsten Larsen, who is also Danish national champion. But the leading Danish player, the Referee draws his gun Belgrade, March 24—A and they dispersed." No shots Yugoslav football referee had to were fired rugostav rootdan reteree had to pull out his pistol to defend himself from enraged home players and supporters, the newspaper Vecernic Notosti rethe leading Danish player, the redoubtable Lene Koppen, who is seeded second, beat England's other national champion Jane Webster 11-3, 11-12,11-3. newspaper Vecernje Novosti reported here today. "I started
carrying a gun when refereeing
became a dangerous occupation,
but this was the first time I had
to use it," the referee, Vladimir
Stojkovic, told the paper.
The incident tonk place last
Sunday when Mr Stojkovic was
sefereed a regional league

MEN'S SINGLES
FIRST ROUND. U Yongo (China) beat P
Whethall (England) 15-3, 15-8, P Sutton
(Wales) beet B MacDougall Canada) 10-15,
15-12, 15-0; N Yates (England) beat G
Robson (New Zoeland) 15-8, 15-5, R Stevens
England) beat C Dobron (England) 15-11, 15-6;
8 Bustes (England) beat R Priesaman
(Canada) 15-11, 15-4; J Guodang (China) beat
D Tallor (England) 15-3, 15-12, L, Jan (China)
beat J Ford (England) 15-5, 15-9, T Carlsen
Oberman's) beat S Baddeley (England) 1-15,
15-5, 15-12; K Johy (England) beat
Moorganet (Danman's) 15-8, 15-3, P Padulone
(India) beat N Tor (England) 15-5, 15-3, P Padulone
(India) beat N Tor (England) 15-5, 15-3 MEN'S SINGLES refereeing a regional league game in Sahac, a Serbian town 48 miles west of here.

"After the match, during which I awarded a penalty to the visitors and had to send off a home player, the local players and their fans just broke into my locker room," he said.

WOMEN'S SINGLES WOMEN'S SINGLES
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Trote (England) 11-3, 11-4; S Hearly (Rorea)
leaf G Gover's England) 11-1, 11-4; W
Mansen England), best W Carrier (Canade)
11-6, 12-10
SECOND ROUND: G Weichen (China) best
F Tohtsum (Japan) 5-11, 11-6, 11-4; G Trote
England) best R Screenen (Demmers) 12-9,
12-9; S Kitada (Japan) best C Magnussen
(Sweden) 11-4, 11-3; Lie huma (Indonesia)
best S Stillings (Canada) 11-3, 11-2

They started hitting me and they had broken bottles and umbrelles in their hands and when I saw that I was really breatened I pulled out my gun

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were fired.

The home players and supporters apparently blamed the referee for their team's defeat. The newspaper said refereeing in small regional leagues, where matches are played in Serbian villages, bad become a very hazardous profession and claimed that referees were frequently besten after a home team lost.

discomposes. he a few dubious refereeing a rious and, later, publicly crit had the appointment of refer cs my a system that

he clearly telt might be de-scribed, in topical parlance, as an abuse of "flexible rostering".

abuse of "flexible rostering", Jahamgir Khan, the world champion, beat Qamar Zaman 9-3, 9-0, 9-3, and the Women's British Open champion, Vicki Cardwell, beat Susan Cogswell 10-8, 4-9, 4-9, 9-0,9-1.

The local police usually turned a blind eye when a referee was threatened, the paper said, it gave accounts of recent incidents in which one referee almost lost in which one referee atmost lost an eye after being hir with a stone, another suffered a broken rib in being heaten by supporters; another had his nose broken; another was beaten and his car destroyed; and yet another was stripped naked by supporters and thrown into a thorny bush. — AP.

#### TUESDAY'S RESULTS

MISH LEAGUE: Aries 1 Linkow 2 European Youth Championship

Qualifying round (aecond leg)
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Sectiond won 3-3 on aggregate
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ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Frolley ? Runcom 0; Statland Rangon; 0, Bacton United 0, Trowbridge 1, Scarborough 3

NORTHERN PREMER LEAGUE: Pronderlis Cup: sami-final round second log: Burton Ablom 1. Goole 1 (aggregate, 1-3) League Hetherfield Q, Buston Q, Writton Albion J. Macclanfield Q

Tottenham H (0) 0 Burnley 1, Bury 0, everton 4; Derby Co 0, 17,770 Nottingham Forest 4, Liverpool 0, Praelon 1 RUGSY UNION: CLUB MATCHES.— Cheltenham O, Glousester 23, Next? Pt. Cross Keys 4; Rugby 7, Louester 24, Sordonians 11, Aberdeen Grammor School FP 10; North Berwick 4, Neddington 10, Old Aloystans 12, Sterling County 36

**TODAY'S FIXTURES** Kick-off.7.30 unless stated SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Southern: Would from a Houselow. ISTINGAN LEAGUE: Second division:

heshunt COMBINATION: Chols-1 v 150. Phymouth v Crystal Patin.c (? 15) NIDOLESEX CHARITY CUP: Semi-trust replay Hondon V Findhey BUSF GROUP CHAMPIONSHIP: at Bangni University
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FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL Paru 1 STUTTQART: European youth oh

TENNIS MEAN: Cuore Cup. J Connors (US) beet N Savieno (US), 6—2, 6—1; i Netase (Romente) boat B Golffried (US), 1—6, 6—1, 7—6; K Curren (SA) beet A Panetis (Reiy), 8—3, 3—6, 6—1. Second round: M Edinondecs Customia) beet C Hooper (US), 8—3, 3—6,

WOMEN'S EAFRINGS (US urises stated): 1. M. Nevystiava \$173,700; 2, A. Jasque 95,712; 3, B. Potter 82,100; 4, M. Jasquevas (Yugoslavia) 77,637; 9, W. Turnbuf 71,600; 5, K. Jourdan 70,425; 7, A. Smith 70,250; 8, B. Bungs 64,425; 9, P. Shivey 49,360; 10, 8, Harska (WG) 48,250.

WOMEN'S EARNINGS (US unless stated) 1, N. Lopez-Melton \$52,743; 2 M Stacey \$1,216; 3, S Little \$0,783; 4, J. Carnet \$0,550; 5, S Denied 47,457; 5, A Okamoto Llepen) 43,241; 7, A Alcon 38,153; 8, P. Shechan 7,438; K. Wilstworth \$5,122; 10, S Raynic 24,284; 126, J. Lee Smith (GB) 262.

SNOOKER KBL: Irich Macters, first round: D Taylor (Blackburr) beel D Shorhan (Dublin), 5—3 (70—36, 70—47, 89—29, 46—79, 74—32, 33—88, 60—71, 58—27); T Moo (Holborn) beel J Spencer (Raddillo), 5—3 (80—53, 87—2, 40—73, 1—79, 65—61, 80—52, 1—60—62

ICE HOCKEY HATTONIAL LEAGUE: New York Islanders 8, 104.
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9, 9-1; T McGuire w/o R. Grenver, J. David w/o D. McCollins; P Namos (Australia) best Z Salah 9-0, 9-5, 2-4, 8-0; Fourth round Wilsams beat D. Poerson 9-6, 7-9, 9-1, 5-9, 9-3; Febrer Gui (Patristan) best Gift 10-9, 9-0, 9-2; C. Kalind best Hands 9-5, 6-9, 9-6, 9-8, 5-8 Bateman beat Farrell 9-2, 9-1, 9-4; T Selisbury beat B Watthras 10-6, 7-9, 9-8, 2-9, 9-6; C. Blackwood (N2) best McGuire 9-6, 9-0, 9-1, R. Modey best Davies 9-4, 9-7, 9-6. Daulet Khan (Patristan) best Namos 8-6, 9-9, 2-9, 9-0.

SQUASH RACKETS

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#### Why Welshmen avoid the Arms Park rather than penalties - that took Scottish three quarters exploited.

went down by two goals, two penalty goals and a try to the Barbarians' three goals, three penalties and two tries.

Most of the Barbarians' tries were run in from a long way out. Swift got the first, from inside his own half, rounding the opposing full back with some panache after Evans had made space for him with a nicely-timed intervention from full back.

Swift might soon, but for a three were several close calls.

By the interval, Evans had landed two penalties to make the scree 10-6. Early in the second period he got another to prepare things. He also converted three of the tries.

Peck, with his lively, rounded game at scrum half, kept his side going in the face of adversity, and launched two successful tapped moves at the climax.

which is sponsored these days by Carlsberg. They established an early lead of ten points — with any luck at all it might have been more — against a side, including 13 internationals, which then looked a very scratch combination indeed.

by the second half, however, the Barbarians had started to get their act together and once the bandwaggon was rolling, they threatened to overwhelm their hosts with five spanking tries. Though heavily outgunned behind the scrummage East Midlands stuck to their last and had the consolation of getting two late scores themselves. They went down by two goals, two late scores themselves. They went down by two goals, two late scores themselves. They went down by two goals, three penalties and two tries.

Most of the Barbarians' tries.

Most of the Barbarians' tries.

By Gerald Davies

During last year's Welsh centenary season friends living in Gwent preferred to travel eastwards down the M4 to Loudon rather than westwards to Cardiff to watch international rushy.

This could have been construed as being typical of the ambivalent attitude which is associated with the border county. But they did so in the sincere belief that they were more likely to see an exiting spectacle at Twickenham than at the Arms Park. The game for them had become too dour and inhibited at Cardiff.

Ever since the comprehensive defeat suffered by Wales at the hands of the All Blacks last year and the lack of try-scoring and the lack of try-scoring ablitity thereafter — apart from the powerful exploits of Holmes at scrum half — it has been accepted that the 14-year-old unbeaten record in the five nations' championship was in danger. It was the margin and the manner of Scotland's sixtory danger. It was the margin and counter-arrack, an almost forgot-the manner of Scotland's victory ten art in Wales, is a simple yet with tries settling the issue potent form of play which the

the breath away.

The blow was softened for many Welshmen because the Scots' style of play over the last decade, though not successful in terms of results, has been much admired. For once, Scotland's Murrayfield form was recaptured for the benefit of the Arms Park crowd. Each of their tries received the kind of applause normally reserved for Wales.

Wales' downward curve has

Wales' downward curve has been apparent for some time. While the team continued to win in the home championship the truth that rugby in Wales is at a for them had become too dour and inhibited at Cardiff.

That Wales lost to Scotland last Saturday came as no great surprise and to some it will come as a relief. It just might be the spur that is required for a fresh look at the game.

Ever since the comprehensive defeat suffered by Wales at the hands of the All Blacks last year and the lack of try-scoring and the lack of try-scoring in club matches. Wales failed miserably to take advantage of the majority share of possession whereas Scotland with less took maximum advantage of theirs. Furthermore

Robert Bennett, the British schools 100 metres champion, helped England to a handsome 40-6 victory in their 16 group schools international against Portugal at Twickenham yesterday. The Bristol Cathedral schoolboy, who is also the manonal triple jump champion, scored three tries as England won by five goals, a try and two penalty goals to two penalties. The stand-off, Roberts, completed Portugal's misery by contributing 16 points with five conversions and two penalties. Their other try-scorers were Godfrey, Carbert and Hobbs. Portugal's two goals were kicked by Nobrega.

certain skills which should not be ignored, such as using possession wisely and attacking attitudes (as well as running and support play).

Mr Burrell highlighted Baird's presence of mind when he picked up Gareth Davies' chip ahead which led to the first try. Instead of using safety-first tactics and kicking to touch to put a stop to a potentially dangerous Welsh a potentially dangerous Welsh attack he kept his head and ran. Three forwards were in support before Calder scored at the other ewd. This is not the answer in itself to Welsh problems but the point was well made. point was well m

point was well made.

John Lloyd's three-year term comes to an end this season. Moves are afoot to appoint two recently retired players to take over coaching: Terry Cobner, of Pontypool, might have responsibility over the forwards and John Bevan, from Abezavon, may attend to the more pressing duties of re-establishing some cohesion and enterprise in the cohesion and enterprise in the backs.

#### win for rousing cover tackle by Cannon, have notched another. The next went to Davies, with an electric piece of acceleration in support of a drive by the forwards. Then Davies stabled out of deep defence to launch Dodge for the third try. Dodge by the clear on his right har by the state of the control of the co third time By Peter Marson

Millfield

RGS Guildford ...... 6 Millfield ..... 22

Millfield, winners here in 1969, 1975 and 1979, once more proved to be the outstanding side in the open competition of the National Schools seven a side tournament at Roehampton yesterday in a rather one-sided final where they best a gallant seven from RGS Guildford by three goals and a try to a try.

try to a try.

Mucklow, Millfield's captain, was the tournament's heaviest scorer and he ran in two tries and landed two conversions. Oti and Nairne also scored tries, Devonald converting one, while May converted his own try for Sevenoaks.

It was marvellously supply and

Sevenoaks.

It was marvellously sunny and mild again, and with a dry ball and firm going conditions were perfect. A fascinating day had begun with the noonday meeting in the bye round between St Edward's, Liverpool, winners of Group A and West Parl, winners of Group B. This was an excellent match, the forerunner of many more in the top half of the draw, and in other circumstances it would have made a mounth-watering final.

Claiming the odd two points in 26 St Edward's moved on. But, the sixth round was effectively the end of the road for them. Beaten surprisingly easily by Reaten surprisingly easily by RGS Guildford, and another two excellent sides, Ampleforth and Midstone. The last match at this stage between Durham and Merchant Taylor's Crosby was a close affair too, with a convergion

close affair, too, with a conver-sion deciding the issue. GROUP C: Maidetone 12 St Mary & St Joseph 4: Elfram College & King Williams 4. GROUP H: Whalf GS 28 Brockley C: Landovery 32 King Hermy Will 4. GROUP K: De in Selle 20 St Olavés 6: Bryning 36 Abrille B. GROUP L: Royal Bellest Al 16 City of London. Freeman C; Germersbury 18 Brocktyme 10.

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Formidable Victorian who ruled cricket for half a century

The lord who was one great sahib

The rumpus about the South African tour, and the

continuing, boring row in Yorkshire, have been occupy-

ing most of such headlines as

cricket can command at this

time of year. Neither is a particularly attractive topic,

and both involve Boycott, of whom I am weary of writing. It is a relief to turn to Lord

Harris, a formidable figure of a previous generation, who died 50 years ago, March 24, 1932, 81 years old.

Harris is not character

whom it is easy, in retro-spect, to warm. I once called him, in print, an antediluvian old tyrant, and though it was a phrase lured by the false enthusiasms of youth, I can

still see what I meant. He was

one of the major figures in the administration of cricket,

in this country, for half a

century.

Most of his decisions were

probably for the good of the game: all of them were for what he considered to be the

what he considered to be the good of the game. He remained firmly Victorian in his oulook. He did not court popularity, and did not win it (Pelham Warner, for in-stance, was a more popular public figure, but the weaker character, at least off the field).

field). Many humbler cricketers of his time thought of Harris as "the old bastard", half-affectionately, as a private might think of his sergeant. None would have described him, even if the word was familiar to them, as "duplicious"

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Harris was a pretty good all his own work: it should be player, though not one of the great ones. He played for England in four Tests, once "dressed in the style of all in Australia and three times at home, in the years 1879-84. He was captain in all of them, which was then natural if you had a peer of the realm in the side, and justified his his narrow trousers, and a place with a batting average of 29 for six innings, once

of 29 for six innings, once not out.

He had many good performances for Kent, and sition of the field to Bowes, captained Oxford in a win against Cambridge in 1874. He first practised at Lord's in 1862, and was still playing at Eton, in a second XI match, on the Fourth of June, 1930.

A year before that, he had played at Lord's for the last time, for MCC v Indian Gymkhana.

The young Bill Bowes was the front''.

Harris fielded in the gully, after leaving the final disposition of the field to Bowes, but after a couple of balls directly behind him. He called imperiously "Bowes! You should never have two on the Fourth of June, 1930. man in a line". Bowes said stop them", said Harris, "move the fieldsman to which side of me you Gymkhana.

The young Bill Bowes was which side of prefer.

is part of the county tradition that "twas 'Arris tried to keep Walter out". So, at one time, he did. Harris was groud of his Kentish ances-try and allegiance, though as it happened he was born in Trinidad. Hammond, though nur-tured in Gloucestershire cri-cket, as it happened was born

in Kent. He had already started playing for Glouces-tershire when Harris, a stickler for qualifications, intervened. This held up the career of Hammond for two years, and I dare say had a considerable, and unhappy influence on a complicated Harris was technically

correct. He always was. But many great men have sensed that there are monents to turn a blind eye. And yet there weere occasions when cricket could be grateful for his clear sight. The most

famous was the throwing controversy in the 1880s and

Throwing was a problem then as it was not to be again until the 1950s. Crossland and Nash, the Lancashire fast bowlers, were thought to have especially doubtful actions. Kent, on Harris's initiative, cancelled fixtures. Crossland and Nash were dropped, and fixtures were

Test cricket between England and Australia might never have developed, at least at the time and in the way it did, had it not been for Harris. In 1879, he was captain in Australia. There was a riot in a game against New South Wales, after an umpire's decision of which the Australians disapproved. The details do not in the present context, much matter, and are in any case confused. Harris, who had to be escorted from the field by his team, was stern, unyielding, and sent home an account to the English press.

As a result of this, and other factors, including bad organisation, the Australian side which toured Britain in 1880 found it very difficult to get fixtures. No Tests had been arranged, and it seemed improbable that any would be played, but near the end of the season C. W. Alcock, the Surrey secretary, persuaded Harris to lead a more or less representative side against them at the Oval. Theis was a generous action on Harris's part is presence (he was also responsible for raising the side) gave the stamp of authority to the occasion. Its centenary was duly celebrated in 1980.

For many years Harris was Treasurer of M.C.C., but showed a talent for nego-tiation, and reaching the nub of an argument, which approached that later achieved by H. S. Altham: though Harris could be as gruff as Altham was gracious. When Lord Harris died, Lord Hawke wrote in Wisden that "he was just one great Sahib". It is a phrase prompted no doubt by Harris's service as Governor in Bombay, but still makes us laugh a little today. Neverthe-less it says much about the man, his attitudes, and his

Alan Gibson

RUGBY LEAGUE

# Fulham breaking on wheel of misfortune

By Keith Macklin

Disaster follows disaster for Fulham. After last year's cu-phoric entry into Rugby League they have been dogged by injury they have been dogged by injury and misfortune, the injury difficulty has become so acute that they have called off tonight's fixture at Bradford. Fulkam struggled to raise a team for lost Sunday's game with St Helens; more injuries were received in that match and yesterday Fulkam were reduced to eight fit players. staving up.

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Sunday's casualitie's were
Crossley, Souto, Hoare, Wood
and Herdman. Yesterday the
team manager, Harolo Genders,
said: "We know we face a £2.000
maximum fine for calling off the
match but things are so desparate
that we have no alternative. We
may even have to consider may even have to consider postponing Sunday's game with Featherstone."

incurred in rearranging the fixture for tomorrow night. making an instant return to the second division. They need to win all their seven remaining games to have the remotest chance of

Leigh will play their new forward, Eric Chisnall, in the League game with York on Sunday, Chisnall, an experienced forward, was bought from St Heiens for £15,000 as a powerful addition to their pack, Leigh are pursuing the championship leaders. Widnes.

Brian Case, the Warrington and Great Britain under-24 forward, has been transfer-listed at £20,000 by Warrington and is so disgusted at such a prohibitive

price that he says he will never play again for the club. Fuiham also face a claim from Bradford Northern for expenses

#### MARATHON

#### London's bumper marathon cron

The entry for the London Marathon on May 9 will be close to 18,000. Even allowing for a sizeable dropout, New York, with its 14,496 starters last October, will be pushed back to second

place in popularity.

This is as it should be for it was London's first marathon in

This is as it should be for it was London's first marathon in 1908 - the Olympic 'Dorando' race - that not only established the standard distance for the course (26 miles 385 yards) but also ignited interest in the marathon event, only doused by the First World War.

Nearly 100,000 people requested entry forms for this year's London Marathon, sponsored for the second time by Gillette, and 60,000 forms came back to County Hall, each with a £4 or £5 entry fee, acording to status. The organizers raised the original 14,000 limit to 16,000 but about 17,500 names have already gone down to the Olivetti computer in East Putney and additions have yet to be made These include the 100 elite runners coming on invitation - 30 of these any organizer's arm.

The absence of start money will probably rule out the real high filers. Alberto Suzzer, whose winning time of 2hr 13min 13sec in New York was a world hear will be present on the standard present of the second page 10 present on the second page 10 present of 2hr 13min 13sec in New York was a world hear will be present on the standard page will be present on the stan whose winning time of 2hr 13min 13sec in New York was a world best will be present not as a competitor but as a salesman for Nike, the running shoe makers. However the course, from Greenwich to Big Ben via The Mall, is so fast that even Salazar's mark could be surnassed.

IN BRIEF

#### New event for veterans at Bisley

The Netional Rifle Association is this year instituting a vererans aggregate competition for competitors over 65 at the annual Bisley rifle meeting, the association chairman, Sir Ronald Echville, told the annual meeting in London yesterday, our Rifle Shooting Correspondent writes. The over 65s, who include a number of marksmen of international standard, will count their scores in the Bisley Grand Aggregate for the new trophy presented in memory of Henry Evan Price, a leading Bisley veteran who died last year. At the other end of the scale the NRA bave taken up a suggestion from Australian riflement to institute an under-25 international match for teams of four.

biggest overseas entries this year with teams from Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Zimbabwe, Kenya and the United States. The Sultan of Oman's Land Forces and the Arab Emirates are also sending competitors.

#### Curling for Canada

Geneva, March 24.—Canada will be the site of all three 1983 international curling championships in the spring, the International Curling Federation announced yesterday. The men's championship will open on April 11 in Regina, Saskatchewan, the women's on April 3 (Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan) and the juniors will meet in Medicine Hat, Alberta, on March 13.—AP.

# La Crème de la crème

side, she is looking forward to the remainer of a second America tour.

The troupe, called the United States Professional Gymnastic Classic and Kurt Thomas former American champion and World silver medallist, barastormed British champion,

Mahre twin Phil

takes Stenmark's

giant slalom crown

American Phil Mahre has World Cup overall title in the succeeded in his bid to depose final women's giant slaton of the Ingemar Stemmark, of Sweden, as season here.

king of giant slatom. He clinched this season's charapionship by mers gant statom 1. P Invitigue finishing third in the final event. Generated. 24237. 2. 14 Gardell at San Sicario, Italy, yesterday. Resided 24215. 4 Hean Quette, 244.15. First place was taken by Pirmin 5, Banomark Generated. 244.16. 8, J Gaspon Zurbriggen, aged 19, of Switzer-Generated. 244.21. 8, Laton and Gardell College States and Chated States 304 pin 2. J. States and States 304 pin 2. J. States and States Chiefed States States States States States States States States Chiefed States States States Chiefed States Sta

Stenmark clocked 1:2.5s.

Zurbriggen celebrated the first
World Cup win of his young
career, "I den't understand what
happened" said the farmer
European jumor downhill champion. "I skiled like a dream."

Today Erika Hess of Switzerland will be aiming to clinch the

GYMNASTICS

Star of razmatazz By Peter Aykroyd

through 40 cities on the eastern side of the country in 11 weeks. Enthusiastic response from spectators has not only led to the immediate planning of a second tour but also to the possibility of an international display which would sixt Europe.

would visit Europe.

Miss Cheesebrough, the only Briton taking part, said: "We had standing ovations at every show." Barry Woodward, the troupe's technical director, believes that it has shown that professional gymnastics was the np and coming entertainment.

He auphasized that it created an opportunity for gymnasts to

and, in a time of Z min 42.37 sec.

Stemmark, who finished fifth
today, needed at least a third
place to retain the title he has
won six times since 1975. Once
undisputed champion, he has
already relinquished a giant
slalom title to Phil's twin
brother, Steve, at the world
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brother, Steve, at the world skiing championships at Schladming last mouth.

Stemmark finished 11th over the first run and despite a brilliant second leg in which he recorded the fastest time, he was unable to gain the needed victory. "He had no chance", Mahre said of Stemmark. "He is not skiing a good glant slalom right now". Mahre added that Stemmark's superb second run was really of little value after "such a bad" first ron. "He could not believe that the skiers ahead of him had been that fast", the American said. Zurbriggen clocked the fastest time in the first run, 1 min 25.67 sec, and Stemmark clocked 1:27.58.

Zurbriggen celebrated the first

Susan Cheesebrough adversed has an homoured place in sports history as a gymnait who represented Britain at many international events including two Olympic Games. But now the 22 year old former British champion has a new and original status. She is Britain's first and only professional gymnast and a star of a successful troupe which established the arrival of commercial gymnastics during 2.

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It is a common charge that institutes of higher education remain abony towers: narrow in their choice of student and slow to adapt their courses to the social and industrial needs of the

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A glance at the OU's 1981 figures, published in January, confirms this success. Women now comprise 47 per cent of the graduates, the biggest single group of applicants being those in the home. Blue and white collar workers constitute 15 per cent of new graduates, including 470 office staff — almost double the number of six years ago.

At the start of their studies a quarter of OU graduates had less

than the minimum two A levels needed to enter a conventional university and 4 per cent had no formal educational qualifications. More than 60,000 undergraduates are studying with the Open University, with a further 25,000 doing continuous education cours-

The undergraduates' choice of study shows an increasing trend away from social sciences and towards scientific, technical and mathematical courses, which now account for nearly half the annual student intake. The course in computers and Computing is one of the most popular, and well over a third of the students following it are part-time or permanent teach-This trend towards courses more

closely geared to the future needs of industry and commerce has gone hand in hand with the growing credibility of OU degrees among employers, and with their among employers, and with their increasing willingness to sponsor or subsidize employees who want to study with the OU while they continue in full-time work. Prominent protagonists of OU support include IBM, ICI, British Steel, British Aerospace, Thames Television, Reckitt & Colman and the

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Recent education cuts have not ft the university unscathed. There has been a running debate within the academic administration about how far investment in the programme of continuing education can be taken before it starts to affect the undergraduate programme, and this has led to a major drive towards making the

courses pay for themselves.

More significant is the growing concern over the high fees which the OU has to charge its students in order to cover rising costs of administration. A single course costs £120, exclusive of registration fee (£40), the charge for the summer courses which sup-plement study at home (£75) and the cost of text books, course materials and incidental travel. As six 'credits are required for an ordinary degree and eight for an honours degree (successful com-pletion of each course is worth one credit), the total cost of a full degree course is at least £1,400. Rising fees have always been a

particular problem for the Open University because of the low level of financial support available to its students. As part-students, OU undergraduates are not eligible for mandatory grants, although they often devote as much time to their studies as their full-time counterparts in conventional institutes of sher education.

LEA support under the provision for discretionary grants has never been generally available to help with course fees, and cutbacks in local authority spending have reduced such support still further. In 1974 only 20 per cent of local authorities gave any help

with course fees, and this fell to less than 9 per cent in 1980.

Acquiring an Open University degree is thus becoming an expensive luxury, which runs contrary to the university's original philosophy of making higher education universally available. As Professor Len Haynes, head of chemistry and academic pro vice chancellor, explained: 'I couldn't be anything but concerned at the study costs to students, which is becoming very nearly prohibitive, "If the fees rise any higher and

you are in a lower income group, you could not hope to meet the cost of taking a full degree. The original idea was that the Open University was really supposed to

The hardship some students find in meeting study costs has prompted the university to introduce a series of measures to ease the financial burden. Fees for each course can now be paid in six separate instalments, and there is a financial assistance fund available to help students in extreme financial difficulty.

In addition, under a new scheme announced earlier this year, unem-

studying with the university or who are offered a place during 1982 will have their tuition and summer school fees paid for them, provided that they have been unemployed for at least six weeks when fees are due.

Another dilemma facing the OU

is the question mark hanging over the successful use of BBC radio and television broadcasts as a substitute for lectures available in conventional universities and poly-technics. In recent years, the BBC has placed increasing pressure on the university to give up some of its more popular air space. With the introduction of breakfast television next year, this pressure can only increase

The OU is well-placed to grapple with this problem, and it has already responded by developing the use of audio cassettes to supplement or replace radio broadcasts. These have proved very popular with OU students (the university has a sophisticated system of undergraduate course evaluation), and the audio-visual media group is considering the possibility of developing video recordings to replace television broadcasts. The group has also developed a new audio-visual system, called Cyclops. This allows pictures to be transmitted on an ordinary telephone line and thus permits television screens to be used as electronic blackboards by OU tutors operating from the 262 study centres spread throughout Britain. Britain.

As Dr John Horlock, the university's Vice-Chancellor, told a recent press conference: "When the Open University began teaching over a decade ago, there were many cynics who said that its students would lack the motivation and staying power to benefit from distance learning. They were wrong and the 50,000 graduates who have qualified through the university since 1971 have proved them so."

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8.40 Open University: Is it as easy as ABC?; 7.05 Minimum Cost Flows; 7.30 Carnot and Stirling Cycles; 9.05 Schools, Colleges: Brazil; 9,27 l'ts Your Choice; 9.48 Charles Dickens (3); 10.10 Animals of the Soil; 10.32 Don't Shoot the Ref; 11.05 Maths in-a-Box; 11.30 The Welsh Chartists; 11.55 On the Rocks: A matter of Latitude; 12.29 derval, 12.30 News After Noon, 1.00 Pebble Mill At One: Music and chat from the loyer studio. 1,45 Mr Bern. 2.00 Closedown. 2.15 Schools. Colleges: Music Time (Coppelia) and, at 2.40, Television Club. 3.00 Closedown. 3.15: Holiday. Out-of-season brieds: an Opprus; ski-ing in Austris; and painting holidays in the Constable country (r). 3.55 Play School: Same as BBC 2 at 11.00 am. The story is The Recyclers, by Frances Kilbourne.

4.20 Highly Mouse: cartoon, 4.25 Jacksnory: Nerys Hughes reads from Berlie Doberty's

4.40 Huckleberry Finn and his Friends: Final episode of the Mark Twain story of two

Mississippi lads. Today: the cave is seached for hidden treasure.

5.05 John Craven's Newsround; 5.10 Blue Peter: Twelve-year-old violinist Jin Lee from Canton, China, plays Wieniawski's show

5.40 News: with Linda Alexander, 6.00 South East at Six; 6.25 Nationwide.

7.20 Top of the Pope: with Peter Powell.

8.00 The Kenny Everett Television Show: Comedy, music, and celebrity guests.

8.30 Love Story: Love is Old, Love is New Drama series begins. Jane Asher and James Fox are the childless couple on

James Fox are the childless couple on whose lives a teenage girl (Judy Holl) exerts a profound influence.

6.55 Tomorrow's World: A GP's approach to

detecting faults in car engines. And a new way of healing open wounds. Also, making

How Green You Arei

BBC 2 ---

5.40 Open University. Crust and ... fantle: 7.05 Turning it Round; 7.30 training in Geology. Open University programmes end at 7.55; There is a closedown that lasts until 11.00 when there is Play School. Today's story is Frances Kilbourne's The Recyclers. The presenters are Lola Young and fred Harris; 11.25 Closedown. The next programme on BBC 2 is at 3.55, it is Bombay Superstar. The film was first seen in the Mart Alive series, and into seen in the wan raive series, and it is a report on the thriving Indian film industry which emerges as something like a Far Eastern version of what Hollywood used to be like in its heyday. Jack Pizzey is the reporter (r).

4.45 Caught in Time: Amateur films of the 1920s and 1930s, including one on Comwalt (r).

5.10 Frank Lloyd Wright: Portrait of the domestic architect (r).

5.40 Laurel and Hardy: Thicker

than Water\* (1935).

6.00 All Creatures Great and Small Skeldale House is threatened

County Hall: local government

Powerty. The work of free-lance agencies such as Child Poverty

Orleans: Bob Langley visits the

serial; 7.20 News. With sub-

7.25 Hard Times: The Politics of

Action Group.

7.55 Take Me Back to New

nursery of jazz.

performance of the Pavan for late, by Ferrabosco.

5.05 Anthony Rooley: a

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9,30 Schools: Physics; 9.25 Carriers; 10.09 9.30 Schools: Physics; 9.25 Carriers; 10.09 Easter customs and events; 10.26 Manchester and Los Angeles; 10.48 Biology; heather; 11.05 Basic Maths; 11.22 Programme about rubbish; 11.39 Middle English. The play is The Lift; 12.00 The Wooffts: Spring cleaning tale; 12.10 Get up and Gol with Beryl Reid. All about spaces; 12.30 The Suilivenes Australian family serial, set in the tast war; 1.00 News from ITH: 1.20 Themes area news; 1.30 Crown Court: the jury decides in the case of the journalist who infarviewed a suspected IRA terrorist. With Danis Lawson: 2.00 After Noon case of the journalist who infandewed a suspected IRA terrorist. With Denis Lawson; 2.00 After Noon Plus: Actor Steve Kenaly, of Dallas (he plays Ray Krebba) take about the long-running series shown on BBC1; 2.26, 3.05 and 3.35 at Doncaster; 3.45 The Cuckoo Waltz: Marital comody series, starring Diane Keen and David Roper (r)

5.15 Emmerdate FArm: the countryside serial.

5.45 News from ITN: 8.00 Thames area news; 6.30 Thames Sport: the sporting scane, local and national, it includes an item on

7.00 Looks Familian: Show business quiz in which a pariel tell Denis Nordern what they remember about entertainment in the 1930s

7.30 Rising Damp: Comedy series, set in a lodging house run by the wily Rigsby (Leonard Rosalter). Tonight: he suspects that his basement todger (Roger Brierley) is shamming when he complains of feeling ill.

and 1940s. They also dip into their own personal memory chest. With Janet Brown, Brian Rix and Jimmy Tarbuck.

California's vineyards, and starring Jane Wyman as the all-powerful Angle Channing.

the new flat racing season.

8.00 Falcon Crest: Drama series, set in

threatens family life

But is he? (r)

6.00 News Briefing. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.30 Today. 8.33 Yesterday in Perliam 8.57 Weather and Travel.

Radio 4

9.00 News.
9.05 A Good Night Out (new series)
with Prof. Laurie Taylor.
9.30 The Living World.
10.00 News.
10.02 Yourn Hall Rules OK? Nigel
Rees finds out how local

government works.

10.30 Daily Service.

10.45 Morning Story: "Farewell to Berocativa" by David Bean. 11.00 Nours and Travel. 11.05 File on 4. 11.50 Finguire Within, 12.00 News, 12.02 You and Yours, 12.27 Brain of Britain 1982 † 12.55 Weather and Travel,

4.15 Dr Sauggles: Story of an inventor with Peter Ustinon's voice (r); 4.20 Little House on the Prairie: The fast-food store that 1,00 The World at One. ,40 The Archers. 2.00 News. 2.02 Woman's Hour.

2.02 Woman's Hour,
2.00 News and Travel,
3.02 Play: "Two Stops On the
Piccadilly Line" by Pater
Simpkin,
4.00 Home Base. People and places
that don't always make the
national headlines.
4.15 Roberted! 4.45 Story Time: "The Last Resort" by Pamela Hanslord Johnson

5.00 PM. 5.55 Weather and Programme News. 6.00 News and Financial Report. 6.30 Any Answers? 6.54 It's a Bargain. 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers. 7.20 Time for Verse. The nature of

poetry as sound, 7.30 Kaleidoscops, 8.00 BBC Scottish Syn 8.00 BBC Scotish Symphony Or-chestra, Concert: Delus, See-thown.† 8.50 The other Tiger Bay. Story by Sam Mc Aughty. 9.10 Concert (Part 2) Haydn, Elgar.†

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BBC CYMRU/WALES 10.10-10.32am

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12.10am The Computer Programme

12.10 News SCOTLAND 12.55-1.00pm The Scotlish News 3.00-3.30 The Afternoon Show 3.30-3.55 (losedown 6.00-6.25 Reporting Scotland 8.30-8.00 Current Account

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s Thames except: 1.20 pm-1.30

10,00 The World Tonight.
11,00 A Book at Bediume: "Gorley Park" by Martin Cruz Smith (9).
11,15 The Financial World Tonight. 11.30 Today in Parliament, 12.00 News: By-Election special, 12.23 By-Election special,

VHF as it above except as follows: 6.25-6.30 am Weather and Travel. 9.05 For Schools. 10.30-10.45 Listen with Motti-er. 11.00-12.00 For Schools. 11.00 Study on 4. 11.30-12.10 am Once University.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather.
7.00 News.
7.05 Morrang Concert.†
8.00 News.
8.05 Morrang Concert (continued)
Bach, Brahms, Britten; records.
9.05 This Week's Composer† Liszt;

tecords:
10.00 Haydn and Barber† Siring Cucartet recital.
10.45 Music for Harn† Recital John Parry, Patrick Piggott.
11.20 88C Concert Orchestra† Vieux-

11.20 RSC Concert Orchestraf Vieux-temps, Dworak.

1.00 News
1.05 Manchester Midday Concert plane rectal: Beethoven.
2.00 Jeanne d'arc au Bucher ("Jean of Arc at the Stake") Dramatic d'albrio by Arthur Honegger.
3.25 Mozart , and Brahnish BBC Northern Symphony Orchestra scocert.

News,
Mainly for Pleasure, † 7 00
Goethe s Poetry, The second of three selections translated and presented by Michael Hamburger.
7.30 Lonon Circa 1765† Concert : J. C. Bach, Mozari
8.00 My Job Lord Carrington gives thelast of three lectures to mark the bicentenary of the Foreign and Commonwealth Offices

Radio 2 5.00em Ray Moore.† 7.30 Terry Wogan.† 10.00 Jammy Young.† 12.00

Lord Carrington: My Job

(Radio 3, 8.00 pm)

9.30 A Century of Choral Music; Rectal by the BBC Singers. Part 1:Schumann, Kodaly.

10.15 Recrtal, part 2 ; Mendelssohn, Liszt, Bartok, Kodaly, Brahms. 11.00 News.

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10.10 Interval Reading.

Gloria Humiltord.† 2.00pm Ed Stewart.† 4.00 David Hamilton.† 5.45 News d Sport.† 6.00 John Dunn.† 8.00 Country Club.† 9.00 Alan Dell.† 10.00 The News Huddines. 10.30 Star Sound Extra. 11.00 Brian Matthew from midmight.† 2.00-5.00em You and the Night and the Music.†

Radio 1

5.00em As Radio 2, 7.00 Mike Read, 9,00 Simon Bates, 11.30 Dave Lee Travis, 2,00pm Paul Burnett, 3.30 Steve Wright, 5.00 Peter Powel, 7.00 The Record Producers, 8.00 David Jenson, 10,00 John Peel, † 12.00 midnight Close. YNF Radios 1 and 2: 5.00am With Radio 2: 10.00pm With Radio 1: 12.00-5.00am With Radio 2;

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#### 9.00 News; with John Simpson. And weather

9.25 Shoestring: The Dangerous Game.Drama series starring Trevor Eve as the crime reporter working for a West Country radio station. Tonight's story has a Christmas setting and has to do with Santa Claus's supply of toys which come from an unorthodox source. The guest star is Michael Elphick, who played Private Schutz in the BBC TV serial test year (r).

10.20 Question Time: Robin Day's team toright Consessor time: Room Day's ream toreging consists of John Alderson, Chief Constable of Devon and Cornwall; Alan Clerk, the Conservative MP for Phymouth, Sutton; Shella Rollwell, a management expert; and Arthur Scargill, president-designate of the National Union of Mineworkers.

11.20 A Kick Up the Eighties: A second showing of this satirical series presented by Richard Stilgoe, Ron Sain, Miniam Margolyes, Roger Stomen, Tracey Ullman and Kevin Türvey

11,45 Hows headlines. And weather forecast:

9.00 Call My Bluff: The players: Frank Muir, Sue Lawley, Jack Tinker, Arthur Marshail Maureen Lipman, Roy Marsen. The referee: Robert Robinson. 9.30 Heart Transplant: First film in a series of seven about the much-publicized operations at Harefield Hospital, From the m who make the Forty se documentaries (see

8.30 Russell Harty: A tribute to 80-year-old composer Sir William Walton.

10.10 My Village, My Life: Portrait of the Indian village of Nanpur, 250 miles south of Calcutta. 250 miles sour or Celculus. Life there is seen through the eyes of Pratula Mohanti, the only person living in the village who was educated in the West. We learn about the astrologer, the barber, the priest, the widow, and other villagers. 11.00 Newanight: Extensive coverage of the by-election at Glascow filthead. It will include the live

declaration of the result and first interviews with the winners and losers. Ends at 2.00

9.00 Shelley: Comedy series about a tazy husband: (Hywel Bennet). In Tonight's story, he complains of a bad back, though he has done nothing to earn one. He visits his GP and the medical section of the local library

9.30 TV. Eye: Britain's TV future. Includes the results of a specially commissioned public opinion poll on whether the British viewer wents more TV channels. Television executives are interviewed about a 10-channel future.

10.30 News from ITN. And Thames area news 10.30 Danger UXB: Another episode in this

wartine drams series about an Army bomb disposal unit. Starring Anthony Andrews (who was last week voted Best TV Actor of the Year), Judy Geeson and lain Cuthbertson (r)

11.30 The Hilliand By-Election: Alastair Burnet and Peter Sissons handle the studio end of and reter sessons nance the studio end of the like-coverage, and Colin MacKay reports from Glasgow. Also in the studio: James Prior, Tony Benn, Dr David Owen and Donald Stewart (SNP). Ends at 12,30 am. 12,30 Close: Roy Plomley reads one of his tayburite poems.

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News, 4,20 Unaccustomed As I Am. 5,20-5,45 Crossroads, 6,00 Scotland Today, 6,20 Bodyline, 6,30 Now You See It. 7,00-7,30 Enmendale Farm. 10.30 Preview: Spaver Connection, 11.00-11.30 Parents and Teenagers, 12.30em Late Call, 12.35 Closedown

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As Thames except: 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 2.00-2.25 Not for Women Only. 3.45-4.15 Square One. 5.15 Radio. 5.30-5.45 Coast to Coest. 6.35 Crossroads, 7.00-7.30 Emmerdale Farm, 10.30 Enterprise; Soap Industry, 11.00-11.30 Parents and Teenagers,

CHANNEL

As Thames except: 1.20 pm-1.30 Channel Report, 6.15 Ladies First, 6.40 On the Water, 7,00-7,30 Benson, 10.28 News, 10.34 Better Rand, 11.05 Parents and Teenagers, 11,30

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN: † STEREO \*\* BLACK AND WHITE, (r) REPEAT.

Jane Asher: BBC 1, 8.30 pm

#### @ HEART TRANSPLANT (BBC 2, CHOICE:

9.80 pm) is Forty Minutes times 2, seven. Tonight's film is the first of the series that will build up into an incredibly detailed five-hour picture of both Harefield Hospital and the **TWO STOPS ON THE** TWO STOPS ON THE

PICCADILLY LINE (Radio 4, 3.02) is will worry the parents of young clearly the work of a playwright who tootball supporters.

knows his football. More important, as Peter Simpkin demonstrated with a previous play called Magic, which was about the business end of football, he knows how to make the ramifications of the sport intelligible. Radio 4 from midnight, and on the properties is which is not the properties. stative selection of nations who have been there for a new beart, Judging by the launching film, producer Louise Panton has opted for a twin-headed approach to her subject. There is the totally absorbing (and, if you have a weak stomach, rather upsetting) aurgical. drame: the strained faces, the hands that stretch out to each other for comfort, the hope that creeps football violence and the shock

to non-enthusiasts. Which is not the Radio 2 after 11 pm. into eyes and then seeps away again. In tonight's film, one of two men will learn whether he is to get a But its nightmarish vision of a waves it sends out from the Saturday afternoon world of mindless thugs who use inter-club

rivalry as an excuse for beating each other up, has the ring of truth such barbarity at close quarters could have written such a play. If

Piano Concerto No 1 with the BBC Scottish SO (Radio 4, 8 pm) and Eigar's Wand of Youth Suite No 2 (Radio 4, 9.10). On Radio 3 at 3.25, the BBC Northern SO play Brahms's Symphony No 2 and Mozart's Symphony No 36 (the Linz).

As Themes except: 9.20em Good Word, 9.25-9.30 News. 4.20 Lone Ranger, 4.50-5.45 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sen. 6.00 News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25 Northern Line. 7.00-7.30 Emmerdale Farm. 10.35 Rezers. 10.35 Dosin in 11.40 News. 10.35 Rezers. 11.05 Comis in 11.40 News. 10.35 Rezers. 11.05 Comis in 11.40 News. 10.35 Rezers. 11.05 Comis in 11.40 News. 12.30 News. 13.30 N

Undgment delivered March 221
London Transport Executive,
which was substantially successful in an action brought against it
by a legally aided plaintiff, would
not suffer "severe financial
hardship," in the meaning of
section 13(3) (b) of the Legal Aid
Act 1974, by reason of having to
bear its own costs of the action,
and accordingly was not entitled
to an order for the payment of
those costs out of the legal aid
fund.
The Court of Appeal dismissed

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The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by the executive from Mr Justice Caulfield who refused the executive's application for payment from the legal aid fund of its costs, estimated at £8,000, of the personal injury action brought against it by Mr Michael Kelly, of Ealing, London.

Section 13 of the 1974 Act provides: "(1) Where a party receives legal aid in connexion with any proceedings between him and a party not receiving legal aid... and those proceedings are finally decided in favour of the unassisted party, the court... may... make an order

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as Thames except: 1,20pm Granada Reports, 1,55-2,25 Crown Court, 4,20 Here's Boomer, 4,50-5,45 Voyage to the Bottom of the See, 6,00 This is Your Right, 6,05 Crossroads, 6,30-7,30 Emmerdale Farm, 10,30 Lou Grant, 11,30 What the Papers Say, 11,45 Hillhead By-election, 12,30am Close Down.

Chancery Division

Law Report March 25 1982

Court of Appeal:

# Tax avoidance plan succeeds

WLR 449) and Inland Revenue Commissioners v Burmah Oil Co-Ltd (The Times December 9, 1981), where the House of Lords had stated far-reaching principles to nullify tax avoidance schemes, did not apply to prevent the relevant transaction from being a trading transaction from which a tax benefit ensued.

Mr Justice Goulding so held delivering a reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by the Crown from a decision of the St James's, Westminster, general commissioners discharging an assessment to corporation tax on the year ending March 31, 1974.
He granted the Crown liberty
to apply to appeal direct to the
House of Lords.

Mr John Mummery for the Crown; Mr Andrew Park, QC and Mr Michael Flesch for the taxpayers.

MR JUSTICE GOULDING said that initially he had thought that the question for determination was, like the facts, short and simple. Because of a number of decisions by the House of Lords he was now of the opinion that it was a difficult one.

The Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 contained special provisions relating to groups of companies. The taxpayers were a member of the taxpayers were a math thus claimed to have made an allowable loss on the safe to APT.

The Crown contended that the transaction did not produce its intended result for tax purposes because the taxpayers did not acquire the property from SPI as training stock and therefore the provisions of section 274(1) never became applicable.

Viewed in isolation from its motive and its consequences, the transaction was of a kind agreeable to the taxpayers' trade. However, the transaction would never have been undertaken for commercial purposes.

There was thus much force in the contention that the property from the contention that the taxpayers was not bought by the taxpayers.

companies. The taxpayers were a member of the same group as Sovereign Property Investments (Newport) Ltd (SPI) and The Aradale Property Trust Lad (APT). SPI were a property development company; the taxpayers were a property dealing company and APT were an investment company.

SPI acquired and developed the Aradale Centre, Newport, at a cost of £5,313,822. By March 1973 cost of £5,313,822. By March 1973 the market value of that property had fallen to only £3,100,000. On March 30, 1973, SPI assigned the property to the taxpayers for £3,090,000 and on the same day

Coates (Inspector of Taxes) v
Arndale Properties Lid

Arndale Properties Lid

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The tax

Before Mr Justice Goulding [Judgment delivered March 24]

A simple tax avoidance scheme designed around the group relief provisions in the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 and the Finance Act 1965 to ensure that a loss of £2,213,822 from a land development project became a trading loss for purposes of computing profits for corporation tax purposes achieved its object.

Although the only motive of those participating in the scheme was the securing of a tax advantage, the recent decisions in W. T. Ramsay v Inland Revenue Commissioners (The Times March 13, 1981; 1981) 2 WLR 449) and Inland Revenue Commissioners v Burmah Oil Countries of the scheme acquired in otherwise than as acquired it otherwise than as to SPI, that is, 55.313.822.

By section 274(1) if the taxpayers acquired the property as trading stock, they were to be treated. for the purposes of paragraph 1 of Schedule 7 to the Finance Act 1965, as having acquired it otherwise than as trading stock and immediately appropriated it as a trading stock.

Under paragraph 1 of Schedule Under paragraph 1 of Schedule 7, companies making such an appropriation were generally treated for the purposes of companing taxable gains as having thereby disposed of the appropriated asset by selling it for its market value; however a company could instead elect that in companing their trading profit for tix purposes such market for tix purposes such market value should be increased by the amount of the loss which would the Empayers, Arndale Properties Lid, in a sum of £28,072 for the year ending March 31, 1974.

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However, there were earlier decisions of the House of Lords, known as the dividend stripping cases, which gave more specific guidance in relation to the facts

In Griffiths v J. P. Harrison (Watford) Ltd ([1963] AC1) a share-dealing company bought the share capital of another company with a view to obtaining payment of a large dividend and so establishing a trading loss by the consequential diminution in value of the shares.

value of the shares.

The House of Lords held that to be a trading transaction notwithstanding that it had been embarked upon for solely fiscal purposes. At p26 Lord Guest said that the question to be asked was not quo animo was the transaction entered into, but what in fact was done by the company. He went on to say that that transaction was just the ordinary commercial transaction of a dealer in shares.

There was nothing in the subsequent decisions of the Lards in Finsbury Securities Ltd v Inland Revenue Commissioners (1966) 1 WLR 1402), Lupton v F. A. & A. B. Ltd (1972) AC 634) and Thompson v Gurneville Securities Ltd (1972) AC 661) to doubt the Harrison case. Within the limits indicated by the majority of their Lordships in the Lupton case, the principle still prevailed. Nor was there anything in the Ramsay and Burmah hing in the Ramsay and Burmah cases that indicated otherwise: indeed Lord Diplock in Burnah expressly said that his new approach did not necessitate overruling any earlier decisions of the House of Lords.

On that basis the appeal failed. The transaction consisted of a straightforward purchase and sale. It was not so affected and inspired by fiscal consideration that its shape and character were no longer that of a trading transaction.

The transaction could be described as dealings which were part of the trade of dealing in property, albeit intended to secure a fiscal advantage, rather than as a mere device to secure a fiscal advantage, albeit given the trappings normally associated with a dealing in property within the trade.

The commissioners had not erred in law in finding that the transaction was one in the course of the taxpayers trade and were right to discharge the assessment on the footing that the property was acquired by the taxpayers as trading stock.

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£8,000 costs bill no severe hardship to LTE

Mr Anthony Scrivener, QC and Mr Christopher Carling for the executive; Mr Duncan Matheson and Mr Nigel Pitt for No 14 (London West) Legal Aid Area.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that Mr Kelly started working for London Transport in October 1974. The following day he received a trivial injury when he was cut on the head.

In March 1975 he stopped working and had never worked since. He lived on social security benefits. He-complained of all sorts of ills, including eye trouble, deafness and depression, all attributed to the trivial accident in 1974. He went to solicitors and got legal aid. Later the certificate was extended to cover medical and other experts. Mr Kelly was seen by a veritable army of medical and psychiatric special-

One produced a report which was favourable to Mr Kelly's claim. It was made in 1979, but at the request of Mr Kelly's solicitors the date on it was changed to 1980. The other

# from the payment to the unassisted party, out of the legal aid fund of the whole or any part of the costs incurred by him in those proceedings. Pegging is 'operation'

Malvern Hills District Council judgments in the Court of Appeal v Secretary of State for the on March 24. y Secretary of State for the Environment and Another

An appeal by the Malvern Hills Distict Council from the order of Sir Douglas Frank, Q.C., sining as a deputy High Court judge on December 22, 1981, upholding the An inspector's conclusion that An inspector's conclusion that the marking out with pegs of the line of part of a proposed estate road amounted to an "operation in the course of laying out... part of a road" as defined in section 43(1) (d) of the Town and secretary of state's decision to quash an enforcement notice relating to the proposed road for a planned new housing estate at the village of Cradley was dismissed Section 48(1) (a) of the 10wn and Country Planning Act 1971 was upheld by Lord Justice Eveleigh and Lord Justice Watkins, Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls-dissecting, in reserved Leave to appeal to the House of

# No duty to add letters

Wates Ltd v Greater London Council

An arbitrator was not under a duty to justify his findings by annexing documents for the consideration of the court hearing the special case, save where there was a question whether there was evidence to support a finding, since that would be to invite the court to reopen issues of fact, Mr Justice Anthony Lincoln—said in a reserved judgment in the Queen's Bench Division on March 18.

HIS LORDSHIP said the GLC moved to set aside or remit an award on the ground that the arbitrator failed to annex five letters. It was not suggested that he failed to consider them.

The proper function of the arbitrator was to summarise facts and effects of correspondence.

arbitator was to summarise facts and effects of correspondence. The court would not be concerned with evidence but only with findings of fact.

The arbitrator was not in breach of his duty and did not misdirect himself and the motion would be refused.

Apparently on the advice of counsel, the payment in was not screpted. In September 1960, the executive, which had still not received the plaintiff's medical reports, made a further offer of \$4,000 in global settlement of damages and costs.

That was not accepted either, no doubt also on the advice of the solicitors and counsel. The claim was still pursued, despite the dubious value of such of the plaintiff's medical reports as were eventually relied on.

Mr Kelly expected to get damages of many thousands of pounds, but it turned out that his claims were completely bogus. The judge accepted the evidence of the executive's doctors, and rejected that of Mr Kelly and rejected that of Mr Kelly and of the specialist whose report

rad been doctored.

The judge found that the eye injury had been caused in a drunken brawl back in 1971. The other aliments were the result of chronic aic oholism over many years. Mr Kelly was awarded £75, which immediately went to the legal aid fund.

So at the end of the day Mr Kelly got nothing. His solicitors no doubt expected all their costs to be paid out of the legal aid fund, while London Transport would be left to bear its own costs. The executive now sought to recover those costs, as from the date of the payment of £750, from the legal aid fund, under section 13 of the 1974 Act.

London Transport had been put to great trouble and expense in contesting a wholly bogus claim brought on legal aid. It was a disgrace to the administration of

reports were in general unfavourable.

Then on the strength of an 18-page counsel's opinion, the legal aid certificate was extended to cover the trial, with two counsel for Mr Kelly. Armed with that, the lewyers pursued the claim mercilessly.

The London Transport Executive got medical reports also. Although they sent their reports to Mr Kelly's solicitors early in 1980, the solicitors did not reciprocate until just before the trial in October 1980. Meanwhile in July 1980, the executive which in the event admitted liability, paid £750 into court to get rid of the claim.

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The London Transport Executive which in 1980, the solicitors early in 1980, the executive which in the event admitted liability, paid £750 into court to get rid of the claim.

Apparently on the advice of counsel. There was not much, if any, blame on the committee; the any, blame on the committee; the stream majority of blame attached to Mr Kelly's solicitors and counsel.

A claimant under section 13 (1980). Most were satisfied in the present case. In particular, it was unquestionably just and equivable that the executive's costs should be paid out of public funds, as required by section 13(2). In any event, that was not the issue in the appeal. There were two matters that were in issue.

First, had the proceedings been "finally decided" in the executive's favour, as section 13(1) required? It was said that since the favour independent of the counsel.

tive's favour, as section 13(1) required? It was said that since Mr Kelly got judgment for £75, there was a final decision in his

It was necessary to see if the unassisted party had substantially succeeded, as in General Accident Fire and Life Assurance Corporation Ltd v Foster ([1973]QB 50). In view of the executive's payment into court of E750, and later offer of £4,000, set against the meagre sum awarded to Mr Kelly the executive had substantially succeeded.

Second, would London Transport suffer "severe financial hardship" if the order were not made: see section 13(3)(b)? Mr. Matheson submitted that a large public corporation could not in principle suffer "hardship" at all since that word denoted human feelings, which were not appro-priate to a public body.

A number of cases had decided that a small private company was capable of suffering hardship; see R. & T. Thew Lad v Reeves (The Times, May 17, 1981; [1981] 3 WLR 190) and Kenny v Taylor (unreported, July 8, 1981, Mr Justice Dillan). In Miller v Littner (unreported, February 1, 1979)
Mr Justice Oliver held that an
estate being administered could
suffer hardship.

But London Transport was a

But London Transport was a huge corporation. Although it was under a statutory duty to meet its expenditure if it could, in 1980 it had a deficit of about £175m, which had to be made up by a subsidy from the Greater London Council.

His Lordship was very tempted to accept the invitation to take The legal and regulations did contain provisions designed to take each word separately, and to hold contain provisions designed to that there was hardship because of the all the trouble the abused. For example, anyone who got to know of an abuse could report the matter to the legal aid area committee, and the solicitors could be discharged.

It was said that the executives and that the phrase "severe loss."

But the phrase "severe legal responsible to take each word separately, and to hold that there was hardship because each word separately, and to hold that there was financial loss, which was obvious, and that £8,000 was a severe loss.

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solicitors could be discharged.

It was said that the executive should have done that. That might have made a difference, but his Lordship was satisfied would make any difference to that the area committee deaft Lordon Transport's affairs. with the matter conscientiously and as best they could, relying on recover.

remedy open to them. In Kyle v Mason (The Times, July 2, 1963), Lord Justice Ormerod ordered Lord Justice Ormerod ordered solicitors to pay costs themselves because they had not carried out their duties under the legal aid legislation. And in Thew (The Times, June 29, 1981; [1981] 3 WLR 190, 217) the court ordered the assisted party's solicitors to the assisted party's solicitors to attend before the court for it to be considered whether they should pay costs personally.

Solicitors and counsel acting solicitors and counsel acing for a legally aided party had a duty not only to their client, but also to the other party if he was not legally assisted. They should not use legal aid to extort unreasonable concessions from the other side.

If a reasonable offer of payment into court was made, they should accept it. They should not waste money by asking unreasonably for endless medical reports. Medical reports should not be settled by the lawyers.

The duty lay not only on the solicitors, but on counsel as well. If either failed in that duty, they could be called to account and made to pay costs of the other side. The immunity conferred by Rondel v Worsley ([1969] I AC 191) would not apply in such a

LORD JUSTICE ACKNER, agreeing on the issues arising under section 13, said that Mr Kelly would have been surprised to hear that he had succeeded in his claim. There was no doubt that the proceedings had been finally decided in London Transport's favour.

The question of severe finan-cial hardship was one of fact and degree in each case. His Lordship could see no reason for differentisting between a private company, which on the authorities could suffer severe financial hardship, and a public one. It was essential always to ascertain what were the likely consequences to the unassisted

party of his costs not being paid out of the legal aid fund. If a small company would have to go into liquidation as a result, that was severe financial hardship. If it would merely have to increase its overdraft, it would not. London Transport might have to apply to the GLC for further funds, but any consequential rise in rates would be minimal.

Lord Justice O'Connor agreed. After hearing further sub-ussions, the court ordered Mr Kelly's solicitors to attend before the court to consider whether they should pay the executive's

costs personally. Solicitors: Mr V. J. Moorfoot; Area Secretary, No 14 (London West) Legal Aid Area.

# GLC taken to law again as Tories challenge budget

THURSDAY MARCH 25 1982

yesterday invoked in court for the first time as an Conservative-controlled London borough sought to have the GLC's for 1982-83 declared

Lawyers for the borough of Kensington and Chelsea asked the divisional court to nullify the Labour GLC's rate pre-cept. In making it the GLC had neglected its "fiduciary duty" to ratepayers—a key phrese in the law burds' verdict that the GLC had acted unlawfully last autumn in cutting fares.

Mr Anthony Scrivener QC, for Kensington, told Mr Justice McNeill that the precept issued by the GLC earlier this month was illegal on two grounds. It contained an element for subsidy of council house rents that unfairly discriminated between the boroughs. Another element provided "unreasonably" for £30m to add to the GLC's balances.

Mr Scrivener made extensive references to the cheap fares case brought against the GLC by the borough of Bromley. Echeing the case made by Bromley's lawyers, he said: "The bases of many GLC decisions are very diffi-cult to determine."

If Kensington's challenge to the 1982-83 precept is upheld the finances of London govern-

The Greater London Counturmoil. The GLC might have cil's defeat over cheap fares to withdraw its rate demands to the boroughs, which would have to consider repaying subimportant legal precedent stantial sums to ratepayers. Rates for the new financial year fall due on April 1. :

The borough's case hinged on the complicated issue of the reot of housing that has been transferred from the GLC to the boroughs. Kensing-ton argued that the GLC's budget allowed for different arrangements for this housing for the various boroughs.

Mr Scrivener said GLC politicians and officials had missed that point "despite a plethora of advice from learned lawyers".

According to the statutory reangements for housing arrangements for housing formerly owned by the GLC, the boroughs were compen-sated for the difference be-tween their spending on this housing and the rents they received.

The GLC, in making these calculations, had ignored the Government's advice to raise all council house rents by £2.50 in 1982-83. It had encouraged some boroughs to raise the rent of former GLC housing by only £1 a week, Mr Scrivener argued.

High-rent boroughs such as Kensington had been discriminated against; their ratepayers were being asked to subsidize different arrangements being applied by the GLC to other boroughs.

The hearing continued today.

# Brezhnev plea to China

Continued from page 1 the two countries were joined by strong economic and cultural ties

The Soviet proposals\_for better relations with its Eastern peighbours come when threatened by the tough line the United States is taking. They have long been worried by a sense of encirclement by enemies, and as Nato prepares to deploy new missiles on the Soviet Union's western flank, Moscow believes it increas-ingly urgent to lessen tension

For the past month the Rus-

sians have been putting out discreet feelers to the Chinese, calling on them to renew the border talks and declaring that Moscow's door was open for better relations.

☐ Peking: China is not likely to take up in the immediate future the offer made by Mr Brezhnev. There was no official Chinese reaction to the appeal. one of the most influential but diplomatic sources said that Soviet proposals made in the past few months about negotiations on frontier disputes had led China to say it did not envisage an immediate that, by the time it was built resumption of the talks. AFP it would be 30 years out of

Leading article, page 13 date.



#### Mansion **US** ready for talks House site on Central America remodelled

Mr Owen Luder (above

Architects, yesterday

Peter Palumbo (John Young

was taken shortly before the

discuss the scheme, a highly

caused. The debate concerns

not only the radical change

in the historic street pattern

and the loss of several listed

buildings that the redevelop-

ment would entail, but also

the architectural quality of

its dominant feature, a

tower block designed by

architects of this century

Ludwig Mies van der Rohe,

and a "high priest" of the

of the building maintain

New exhibitions

day until May 1)

Last chance to see

Andy Warhol: Portrait Screen-prints 1965-80. Old Town Hall Arts Centre. Heme! Hempstead; Mon to Fri 10 to 4, Sat 9 to 12:

modernist movement. Critics

that, by the time it was built,

unusual step and one that

reflects the intense

controversy that it has

writes). The photograph

institute's council met to

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington, March 24 The New York Times report, quoting diplomatic sources, said that the proposal for new

An important new initiative to find ways of ending the bloodshed and tension in Cenright), president of the Royal Institute of British tral America is expected to get inspected a model of the proposed Mansion House under way soon after Sunday's elections in El Salvador. Square development, in the Three developments in the City of London, with the would-be developer, Mr

last 24 hours would seem to indicate that the United States, with Mexico's assistance, is actively seeking a negotiated settlement, to prevent the United States from being sucked into deeper military and political involvement. These were :

1 A front-page report in The New York Times from Managua, saying that the United States and Nicaragua have agreed to resume direct negotiations to settle their numerous differences A suggestion by Mr Deane

Hinton, the American Ambas-sador in El Salvador, that the winners of Sunday's elections should negotiate with the left-wing rebels to put an end to the bloodshed. 3 An announcement by the

State Department that the Foreign Ministers of El Salvador, Honduras and Costa Rica (which recently formed the Central American Democratic Community) are to meet in Washington tomorrow.

# 'genuine Watteau'

By Geraldine Norman

A painting that had lurked in an-English private collection for more than 200 years with doubts over its attribution,

Mexico City.

The State Department declined to confirm or deny the report. However, the official spokesmen made it clear that the United States would early eighteenth century "em-barking for the Isle of Cyth-era" in a boar navigated by naked putti. It came up for sale at Christie's in December, Nicaragua has already indi-cated its willingness to hold cuted its willingness to hold further talks with the United States, but the Americans have insisted on awaiting the results of the Salvadorean elections. If the United States-Nicaragua meeting takes place it will be the farst contrete result of the regional peace initiative begun by President Lopes Portillo of Mexico during a visit to Managua Mr. Hancon's suggestion that the new constituent assembly in El Salvador should consider negotiations with the cauriously catalogued as "attri-buted to Jean-Antoine Watteau", rather than a genuine article. Christie's had only

Christie's reaffirmed yester day that when the painting was with them it had been very carefully studied and there

have been in the collection of one Thomas Walker, a rich eighteenth century collector. rers as a major shift in It descended by various becan policy.

Guatemala coup, page 8 Goulburn.

# Painting is

Suresh Kavadis

Sale Room Correspondent

was announced to be a genuine work by Jean-Antoine Watteau by the Stadtelsches Kunstinstitut in Frankfurt yesterday. It has just spent DM 3m. (£700,000) to buy it.

The painting depicts elegant ladies and gentlemen of the estimated its value at £30,000 to £40,000,

were no grounds for a more efinite attribution.

The painting is thought to

#### Frank Johnson in Hillhead

# Thank you, Mr Jenkins, and a nodal goodbye

accounts, a joyous campaign and it is no disservice to the other principal candidates to say that this is because of the coax from him. presence of Mr Roy Jenkins. Mr Malone, the Tory, some 30 years Mr Jenkins's junior, manifestly has more knowledge of "the issues", including the national ones, than constituency, has been very Mr Jenkins, with weary striking", he drawled Nodal decades of issues stretching areas? So he could still proback behind him, can nowa-

days muster. For this is Jenkins, the last For this is Jenkins, the last Real, late swing finished man is known to us all and we judge him by what he would be in office rather than what he would do, which is in the case of any politician largely unknowable in any case. Nothing would go exceptionally right under Mr Jenkins's rule. But nothing would go exceptionally wrong, either, and it would all be done with some

The Hillhead voters sense this, which is why, though his opponents have convincingly demonstrated over the past week that his attitude on the issues is indistinct, his rise in the opinion polls has gathered momentum.

Perhaps the voters are tired of issues. And politicians are to be enjoyed for other reasons. There is what might be called, for want of a better term, their carry on; the props, gestures and mild absurdities which make them stand out from lesser, greyer, figures.

#### Traditional poll rally of cliches

When Mr Jenkins is carry-ing on, the tone is raised, the atmosphere is sweeter. That is why this by-election, whether he wins or loses it, has been a success.

Yesterday was the tradi-tional eve of poll rally of cliches, the day when all can-didates detect a "late swing", or "scent victory" or are "quietly confident".

Such phrases are of course quite separate from the Roy-isms which give us so much pleasure. But we none the less like to hear them from Mr Jenkins's cultured tones and distinguished, quivering jowls because from such a

It has been, by all source they sound as new

: As soon as he arrived we knew he was going to carry on. " My reaction in shopping centres, in what I would re gard as nodal areas of the duce a new Royism on the last day.

# detected

Later research revealed that they were "great circles of the celestial sphere, especially the orbit of a planet or the moon." There were few of those in Hillhead so we opted for the secondary meaning; a meeting place of roads, unless he meant, with that distinctive voice of his, noodle areas, a reference to Hillhead's hitherto unnoticed Chinatown. It did not really

"There is every sign of a substantial movement of opinion which has gone on and is going on, a real late

and is going on, a real late swing."

"At Crosby, you said you scented victory", asked a colleague from the BBC, choosing the cliche that would give Mr Jenkins almost the full set. "At Crosby, I said that, did I? Yes, I've been scenting victory for some time in this campaign", he replied. campaign", he replied.

"We're not cocky, we're quietly confident, he added, achieving the full set. Whereupon, Mr Jenkins ended the press conference which could have been the last of his electoral career or apotheosis.

But the memory which lingers most of his campaign was his reply to a persistent young man in a menacing leather jacket who had up-braided him in a nodal area about leaving the Labour Party. "I believe in a fair society, which we will govern far more effectively than an extremist Marxist Labour Party, and goodbye." That was Mr Roy Jenkins's election address to the voters of

# THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

#### Today's events

Royal engagements The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh visit Home Office, to mark their bicentenary, 2.30; later they give reception at

of Queen's Awards for Export and Technology, 6; the Prince of Wales is also present.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Buckingham Palace, 11; at 4 uaveils Defenders' Memorial, Westminster Abbey; as Coloudington at County Championship Trophy, pelon at Winners Chairman of Royal Society of York's Headquarters, Chelsea, 8.

#### The Times Crossword Puzzle No 15.789

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#### ACROSS

- I Bible preacher's origins in Greater Manchester (6). 4 He's outside left in Athenian
- 10 Write to sect to alter the festival (9). 11 Fish looking surprised? (5).
- 12 Transport industrial arbitrators to capital (7). 13 Confine to quarters near-by
- 14 Titan at the Spanish moun. 16 15 Lady's litter in the garden (8). 18 Nephew of Toby or of King
- 20 Bird turning colour? That's a
- 25 Some connexion with sloths the lion ate (7). 26 His boys helped to keep the home fires burning in war-
- time (5). 27 Such a rat remaining unsuspacted? (9). 28 Alien accepts money to murder thus (8).

#### 29 Single silk fabric made from indigo derivative (6). DOWN

- 1 Particular surveillance round
- City district (8). 2 Command heard at a seance

- manoeuvres (9). One dressed in ragged material? Not Ted, anyway (14).
- First frog king his position give reasoning (5).
- Doone responsible for joint distribution? (6). 9 Touchstone de trop, this dish suggests (10,4).
- Tailless bird Isaacson found in this book of words (9).
- First two Georges. Third was the Second's (8). 19 Pick-me-up either way (7). 21 Decline to render 27? (7).
- 22 He conducted those made late 23 Levy not made in form of something new (7).

  24 Red labour leader upset baseball team (5).

- 3 River rises when 100 enter for
- Cassava product from a firm land one irishman set up (7).
- Talks, lectures Credict Cray by Best D'Oliveira, Central Liviarry, Le Man: Crescent, Bolton, 7.39. Music Recital by Nona Liddell (relolin)
- General London Is . . . Entertainment exhibition train highlighting variety of theorie in London's West End, and tourist attractions of the capital. Moor Street station, Dirmingham, 10 to 5.

# Solution of Puzzle No 15,788

Roads

Lendon and South-east: A25 London and Sount-east: A25:
Eastbound diversion around
Dorking rown centre; delays.
A4: Cromweil Road reduced in
width near junction with Earls
Court. A33: Lane closures from
6 am until dusk between Popbam and Winchester. Reserve Association, Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea, 8. Princess Margaret opens extensions at Velindre Huspital, Cardiff, 12; visits University

ham and winchester.

Midlands: A5: Width reduction at Kilsby and Cowellbend, Northamptonshire. MI: Only hard shoulder open southbound between junction 26 (Nottingham) and Trowell service area.

M5: Lane closures between Worcester and Strensham (junctions 7 and 8).

Wales and West: Heavy extensions at Velindre Huspital, Cardiff, 12: visits University Hospital of Wales, 2.20.
Frincess Alice Duchess of Gloucester, visits Greater Manchester Police Training School, Sedgley Park, Prestwich, 12: visits East Langachire Home for Disabled Ex-Servicemen. Broughton House, Salford, 2.20.
The Duchess of Gloucester attends film premier of Evil Under The Sun. in aid of Mounthatten Memoria! Trust, ABC Cinema, Southampton, 7.45.
Princess Alexandra actends reception given by Hispanic and Luso' Brazilian Council to mark forthcoming visit to Peru, Canning, House, 2 Belgrave Square, SW1, 6.15.
New exhibitions

tions 7 and 8).

Wates and West: Heavy traffic is expected on all approach roads to Stow-on-the-Wold because of horse sales, parking will be severely restricted within the area. The roads particularly A429, A424, A436 and 84450 and parking restrictions in town centre. restrictions in town centre.
Gwyn Road, Llandudno closed between Tabor Hill and Black-Gate; diversions. A35: Temporary signals in Exminster town centre.
North A684. Delays

North: A684: Delays at Leeming Bar, N Yorkshire A56: Readworks at Hoole roundabout, Chester. A6072: Roadworks on Heighington by pass, Co Dur-

Mon to Fri 10 to 4, Sat 5 to 12; (from today until April 17).
Ceromic sculpture by Eric Griffiths, City Museum and Art Gallery. Bethesda Street, Hanley, Stoke-on Trent; Mon to Sat 10,30 to 5, Wed 10,30 to 5; (from today until May 1). Scotland: A68: Temporary signals on Old Dalkeith Road near Kingston Avenue; Edinburgh, A74: Lane Cleaures at Johnstonebridge, Dunfriesshire. A1: Temporary signals at Harelaw Bridge, S of Grantshouse, Berwickshire, Indian and Persian Ministures, Graham Robertson Room, Fits-william Museum, Cambridge, 2 to 5: tends today). Drawanes and sculpture by Heart Gaudier, Breeska. Bohun Gallery, Station Road, Menley-on-Tharnes; 10 to 5.30: tends to-Information supplied by the AA.

Sea day).

The Voyage of Life—ship imagery in art, literature and life. University Art Gallery, Portland Building, University Park, Nottingham; 11 to 7; (ends to-day).

A strike of French dockers will disrupt Scalink Newhaven/Dieppe ferries roday. Passengers should call \$1-828 7603.

#### Anniversaries

Bela Bartok was born at Nagy-szentmiklos, Humary (now Sinni-colau Mare, Romania), 1881. Claude Debussy died in Paris, 1915. The Rotherhithe-Wapping Thames Tunnel was opened for luct passengers, 1843. and Dapline libbatt (riano) Harvey Theatre, High Melton, Boncaster, 730. Fullbanch String Quartet, Coolin Hills Hotel, Portree, Isle of Sky, 8. National Day: Greece Inde-pendence Day). On March 25, 1921. Greece raised the standard of independence, and on March 25, 1924, proclaimed a republic.

# The Pound

American policy.

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United States-Nicaragua talks had been made by Señor Jorge

Castaneda, the Mexican Foreign

Minister, who had four hours of talks in Managua yesterday. The report said that the talks might be held next week in

not be averse to such talks.

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insurgents was regarded by observers as a major shift in

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London: The FT Index fell
1.7 to \$52.6.

#### The papers

Hillhead now means too much to the SDP, the Daily Mirror says, "as if the family fortunes depended on one spin of the political roulette wheel; tonight may show whether Roy Jenkins managed to break the mould of British politics, or whether the SDP was a bubble which has burst "

Criticising the Commission for Racial Equality for its threat to prosecute doctors who advertise for partners who share their Christian beliefs, the Daily Mail says: "How much better the state of racial relations would be if this busy-body Commission had never existed."

#### Sporting fixtures

Racing: First day of Flat season. Meeting at Doncaster (2.01. NH Meetings at Towcester (1.45) and Taunton (2.30). See page 21 for programmes. Rugby Union: Rosslyn Park Schools' Sevens (10.0). Badminton: All England cham Rackets: Public doubles championships at Queen's Golf: Sunningdale Foursomes (9.0).

#### The Times list of best-selling books

**Paperbacks** 

The White Hotel
Mr Smith's Favourite Garden
The Middle Ground Commons (2.30); Debate on [aw and croze.

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# Weather

An anti cyclone centred

over Holland will persist. 6 am to midnight Landon, E. Cantral N. NE. England, Midlands, East Angilo: Dry, mist or log patches in places at first, samy; wind variable. Hight; max temp 14C (57F).

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fog in places; wind saviable, making 5, light; max temp 13 to 13c (55 to 597) inland, near normal 10c (50F) on coasts. Lake District, frie of Man, Sw Scotland; Dry, sunny period; inland, mostly clorely, log, perhaps drizzle on coasts; wind SW; light; mox temp 13c (55F) inland, normal on coasts. Edinburch and Dundee, Aberdeen, Elizagew, Morary Firth; Dry, sanny periods, mixty at first; wind SW, light; max temp 12 to 14c (54 to 56F). Control Highlands, NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scatland, Oriotry, Shetland; Mosliy cloudy, some drizzle on exposed coasts and hills, bright internals in sheltered areas, wind SW, moderate or fresh; max temp 10c (50F). In reland: Manly dry, bright or stony periods, wind SW modernit; max temp 12c (54F). Outlook for Friday and Saturday: Little change.

hange. SEA PASSAGES: S, North Sea: Wind SEA PASSARES: S. North Sea: Wind light and variable, becoming SW, light or moderate; sea smooth, Strafts of Dever-English Channel (E): Wind light and variable: sea smooth, St George's Channel: Wind S. Isoli or moderate, sea smooth of tilght. Irish Sea: Wind SW, moderate, locally fresh in N, sea slight.

Surt Placs: 6 53 am Morro Pises: 6.25 am

### Lighting up time

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#### Yesterday



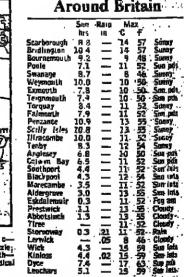
Highest day temp: Aberdeen, Fraser-surch Head, 17C (63F); lowest day max. Thanet, 7C (45F); bighest rainfall: Stornoway, 22lin; highest sunshine: Bognor legis, 11.1hr.

Satellite predictions Figures give time of visibility, where rising, maximum elevation, and direction of setting. Asterisk denotes entering or leaving eclipse.

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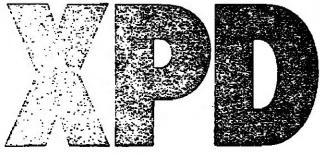
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